



## Councillors suspended from governor roles

FOUR Powys County Councillors have been suspended from their roles as governors at Llanfyllin High School amid controversy over subsidised transport for out-of-catchment pupils.

Action could also be taken against council officers after an independent investigation found they knew that the school was going against council policy.

The council says that the high school should not have offered subsidised buses to 149 pupils for whom Llanfyllin is not their nearest secondary school. The council decided on Tuesday to allow the transport scheme at Llanfyllin to continue for the next two years to give parents and pupils time to come to terms with the changes.

Parents will, however, have to pay the same transport costs as other out-of-catchment children pay in Powys – £120 a term rather than the £80 a term they currently pay. That will jump to more than £200 a term in two years. Deputy Leader Councillor Wynne Jones said: "We have thought long and hard about this but on balance we felt that allowing a two-

year period was in the best interest of innocent parents and pupils who have been left in a difficult position through no fault of their own."

The four governors, Councillors Peter Lewis, Aled Davies, Darren Mayor and Gwynfor Thomas, were expected to make a joint statement to Llanfyllin Town Council last night (Wednesday). Yesterday some of

the Shropshire parents whose children travel to Llanfyllin met North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson and Shropshire County Councillor Vince Hunt in Oswestry to discuss the controversy. Mr Paterson told them he would do what he could to help including writing to the Welsh Assembly.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Public is urged to follow new air show regulations

ORGANISERS of Welshpool's annual air show have urged the public to comply with new safety regulations.

The A490 running alongside Mid Wales Airport will be closed on Sunday while the Bob Jones Memorial Air Show takes place. Attractions at the event will include a flypast by the Red Arrows, and show bosses have advised people not to stand on roads or land close to the planes' flight path.

It comes after the UK's Civil Aviation Authority reviewed arrangements for public flying displays following the tragic accident at Shoreham Air Show last year that resulted in the loss of 11 lives.

Peter Sinclair, Welshpool Air Show's display director, said: "In order to get everyone in and out as comfortably as possible and also, in part, to comply with new regulations imposed by the CAA, we are issuing the following arrangements for Sunday. The best and safest, viewing position for the air show will always be at the airport. If you choose to view from any other position, outside the airport, please act responsibly and take care of your own safety – do not put yourself in harm's way by standing on roads, or under or close to the flight path. It is best to avoid viewing from the display (Eastern) side of the airport."

Free parking will be available at the Park and Ride at Welshpool Livestock Market.

## POLICE

### Man is arrested over kidnap claim

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of kidnap after a woman was seen being attacked in a car in Oswestry town centre.

The 49-year-old victim needed hospital treatment after the assault which happened on Church Street between 3:45pm and 4:15pm on Friday. Witnesses reported seeing the victim in a blue Fiat Punto and two men were also in the vehicle. Police spokeswoman Terri-Anne Powell said: "The two men are thought to have physically assaulted her while inside the car."

A 47-year-old man from Oswestry has been arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and is on bail until July 14.

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# NEW CARE MOVE SPARKS WORRIES

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY'S mayor says plans to scrap the building of urgent care centres in Shropshire are "disappointing and worrying" for the town.

Mayor Paul Milner was speaking ahead of crunch talks next week in Oswestry involving officials leading the Future Fit health programme which is looking at provision of hospital services in Shropshire.

Initial suggestions from Future Fit said one emergency centre in the county would be supported by five urgent care centres – with one of the new units probably in Oswestry.

But this week the health official leading the review, David Evans, said that instead of new centres, extra services will be bolted onto existing provision.

He said: "There will be a rural urgent care service delivered but some of that will be at home and some from other facilities."

"I am sure we will have facilities in the market towns as they currently are in relation to community hospitals. They might not have a specific badge across the door that says 'urgent care centre' but they will be delivering urgent care services." However, Mayor Milner said more than 1,000 people had signed his petition calling for an urgent care centre in Oswestry should the A&E department close in Shrewsbury under the health shake-up. The mayor said: "We were told that there were going to be urgent care centres, not only in Oswestry but in other rural towns."

"Now we are being told this will not happen, which is very disappointing and worrying."

"Oswestry's Primary Care Centre and Minor Injuries Unit are fantastic but if we are to lose an A&E we need an urgent care centre in Oswestry."

Councillor Milner has organised a public meeting at the Wynnstey Hotel in Oswestry on Tuesday at 7pm to discuss the health shake-up.

Speakers will include Mr Evans and Gill George of Shropshire Defend Our NHS.

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## Opera evening is hoping to hit the right note



Mike Coppock is promoting a forthcoming performance by Heritage Opera taking place in Oswestry. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

OSWESTRY could become the only town in the region to stage regular professional opera, if an inaugural event proves a success.

Tickets are selling fast for a performance from Heritage Opera, a professional touring opera company based in the north west of England, which will take place at the Marches School on July 31. Organisers say if this year's event is a hit, the opera company would be happy to return each year. This year's performance will be Puccini's La Bohème and will take place in the school at 6pm. The perfor-

mance has been organised by Oswestry businessman Mike Coppock. He said: "Tickets are selling well and it is shaping up to be a great evening. We have never had a professional opera performance in Oswestry before so this is something new for the town. If it is successful we are looking to bring it to Oswestry every year. That would mean Oswestry would be the only place in the West Midlands which stages regular professional opera performances. It would be another cultural thing to make Oswestry a magnet for visitors."

Heritage Opera are a top class opera touring company. They are professional opera singers and musicians." Gates on the day will open at 4.30pm to give concert-goers the chance to have a picnic in the school grounds before the performance starts. There will also be a 30-minute 'dessert' interval and also a Pimms and Prosecco bar available.

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# Council officers 'knew of school's bus policy breach'

Report by Sue Austin

**COUNCIL** officers knew Llanfyllin High School was wrongly spending some of its budget subsidising transport for students from outside its catchment area including from the Oswestry area, an independent investigation has found.

In April the school was told to pay back £17,000 to Powys County Council for not complying with the county's transport policy.

Governors claimed that the council was aware the school was subsidising buses from its delegated budget. In his investigation report, Jonathan Waters says that three council officers were aware of the breach of policy by Llanfyllin High School.

And he says he is also concerned as to the involvement of one councillor who knew of the breach and did nothing to enforce policy and in fact condoned it, Mr Waters says.

The barrister, who was asked to conduct the review, has also expressed concern about some governors who knew that the school was in breach of the policy yet allowed the situation to continue.

He said: "I have found that important matters were not openly shared amongst all governors."

In his recommendation, Mr Waters says the council must take ownership of policing schools to ensure compliance with its financial policies, adding: "It is simply not acceptable for councillors and officers to take the view that it is solely the responsibility of the governing body to ensure compliance. That is an abdication of responsibility."

A joint statement by Councillor Barry Thomas, leader of Powys County Council, and Councillor Darren Mayor, former chairman of Llanfyllin High School's governing body, said: "The report includes conclusions as to who knew what and when at the school and county council; deals with wider failings and provides a number of recommendations."

Former governor, David Eyres, who was interviewed as part of the inquiry by Mr Waters, said: "The report vindicates what the school and governors have been saying - council officials turned a blind eye because the way Llanfyllin was running its school worked."

"It's as simple as that."

## Motorist 'died twice' after horror road crash



This photograph from the horror crash near Oswestry shows the extent of the damage to the vehicles involved

A MAN has described how he "died twice" following a horrific car crash near Oswestry.

Ben Pritchard, 26, was on his way to work when his car was in collision with another vehicle. His heart stopped beating in the ambulance - and again on his arrival at hospital.

He was brought back from the dead by medics. "I nearly didn't make it to hospital," he says. "I was in a bad way for a day or so. I effectively was dead twice but my heart was restarted."

The agricultural engineer from Shawbury was airlifted to hospital after suffering multiple injuries. The driver of the

other car, a woman in her 30s, was taken to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with a dislocated shoulder. She has since been charged with careless driving, and is due to appear before magistrates on August 31.

Six months after the crash, Mr Pritchard is still recovering from his injuries.

Mr Pritchard told how the crash had left him unable to work or walk long distances. He said he hoped that he would be able to drive again one day, but did not know if he would be able to face a return to the scene of the crash.

Mr Pritchard also told how his wife Heidi only found out about the crash after seeing pictures of his mangled car - a distinctive

yellow Ford Puma - on Facebook. The crash happened early on January 5 on the B4396 at Knockin, and four fire crews from Baschurch, Oswestry and Wellington were called to free the drivers of both cars from the wreckage.

Mr Pritchard was initially driven to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital where the Midlands Air Ambulance was waiting to transfer him to the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

But his heart stopped beating in the ambulance on the way to Oswestry, and he had to be revived by paramedics. He "died" a second time following his arrival at the hospital in Stoke.

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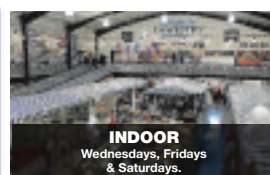
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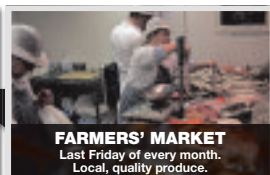
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## Talks hear of concerns about dust

ANGRY residents have criticised a company for not tackling the problem of dust emissions from its factory quickly enough.

More than 60 people attended Chirk Parish Hall for a public meeting over the contentious emissions from the town's Kronospan factory.

In comments directed at Kronospan chairman Mike McKenna, Chirk resident, John Maddocks, accused the company of failing the town's residents by not addressing the issue of dust emitted from the factory. Mr McKenna said equipment is being installed to prevent dust escaping, while a representative of Wrexham Council said they are planning to monitor the emissions from the site to check if they pose a risk to public health.

The last monitoring at the site took place in 2004 and found no issues.

Mr McKenna said that planned improvements to the factory, including the introduction of silos to house material emitting dust, would address the problem by September.

He said: "Hopefully that work to upgrade the factory will be complete by the end of summer. The dust flow problems you get from the log yard will be a thing of the past."

Mr McKenna also apologised for the company's failure to address an issue which previous employees had said would be solved in 1998.

## MBE honour for sports coach

A MID Wales man is celebrating after being made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Kenneth Alan Jones from Bwlch-y-Cibau was given the honour for his services to wrestling.

Mr Jones has helped numerous athletes in wrestling and judo for more than 45 years.

Four years ago Mr Jones received an Unsung Hero Award for Wales for his dedication to sport from the Welsh Sports Association.

At that award ceremony guests heard Mr Jones was the head coach at Ad Judo and Wrestling Clubs in Welshpool and Llanfyllin and was the first recipient of the award from Powys.

Ceremony guests were told Mr Jones was involved at grass roots level right through to world and Olympic level.

# Man is jailed for having sex with two young girls

Report by Sue Austin

**A 23-year-old man who wanted to become a teacher has been jailed for 27 months for having sex with two 14-year-old girls.**

History graduate, Geraint Jeffreys, of Castlefields, Oswestry, was also placed on the sex offender register for 10 years after he admitted seven charges of sexual activity with a child. Judge Rhys Rowlands, sitting at Mold Crown Court, said Jeffreys would be put on a list barring him from working with children and vulnerable adults, leaving his teaching career dreams in ruins.

He told Jeffreys, who wept throughout much of the hearing, that he had taken advantage of the young girls for his own sexual gratification "in a most depraved way".

The defendant met one of the girls, then contacted her by Facebook and picked her up in his car, where the sexual activity took place. She was said to be drunk on cider but conceded that she had not felt pressured. She had told him she was 15.

Various sex acts took place with the second girl, who told him she was 14.

Judge Rowlands said the law was there to protect children, often from themselves. "Both girls were just that, they were still children in any normal person's eyes," he said. You were a young man of 21 with a car, no doubt you were an attractive prospect to any young, immature girl. You took advantage of that situation."

He said Jeffreys had shown precious little by way of contrition or remorse and appeared only sorry for himself and the effect on his own family.

Defending, barrister Mark Connor said his client was a young man of good character who would find custody very difficult.

He said Jeffreys had learnt his lesson and was highly unlikely to re-offend.

He said the offending was caused by his level of immaturity rather than anything more sinister. The court heard Jeffreys had a good degree in history, his career plans as a teacher had been ruined, but rather than sit around and do nothing he had found himself a job.

Mr Connor said that his client had since moved on and was in a loving, adult relationship.

A suspended sentence with a sex offender treatment programme would be a proper alternative to immediate custody, Mr Connor argued.

## Golfers tee up a marathon challenge



Lee Finch, Angie Tomley, Naomi and Max Payne at Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen

THREE golfers will be playing a non-stop 72 holes of golf to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Brother and sister Naomi and Max Payne from the Ceiriog Valley, together with Lee Finch from St Martins will carry out the marathon at Henlle Park Golf Club, Gobowen on Monday next week.

They will be joined by a guest golfer on each round.

The young players will tee off for the first round at 6am and expect to sink their last putt on the fourth round of the day at approximately 9pm.

Ralph and Angie Tomley, co-proprietors of Henlle Park Golf Club, have donated all course fees in support of the fundraising effort.

"Macmillan Cancer Relief is such a great charity and Naomi, Max and Lee play here regularly, so we were absolutely delighted to help," said Angie.

### Cancer

Naomi said: "We've all been touched by losing someone to cancer."

"It will definitely be tough going towards the end."

"My dad Ian Payne did it a few years back and was exhausted."

"He'll join us on the first round, my mum Jools will play the next 18 holes, Jordan Monk from Oswestry will play the third round and we're looking for a golfer to play out the final 18 with us in the twilight."

Anyone who wishes to donate to the cause can do so at [www.justgiving.com/NaomiMaxLee](http://www.justgiving.com/NaomiMaxLee)

Any golfer wishing to join the trio in return for a minimum £25 donation can contact Ian Payne on (01691) 680717 or email [naomi@thejoolspaynepartnership.com](mailto:naomi@thejoolspaynepartnership.com)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Police warning on troublespot

PARENTS are being told to warn their children about an anti-social behaviour black spot.

Police say the Black Bridge footbridge off Old Chirk Road in Gobowen has been associated with adult and youth anti-social behaviour.

The bridge, which goes over the railway line, is known for incidents involving underage drinking, throwing bricks and masonry on the line, litter and criminal damage.

It is also known to be a place used for people taking drugs.

West Mercia Police said: "We are requesting that parents and guardians make their children aware. West Mercia Police will deal with all reports of ASB with a view to provide a positive outcome for those whom it affects, people within our community deserve to live without it."

### Car crash leads to closure of road

A CAR with five teenage men inside it overturned on a busy road on the outskirts of Oswestry, leading to the temporary closure of a main route into the town.

The black Vauxhall Corsa car crashed on the B5069 between Oswestry and Gobowen.

The collision happened at about 3.30pm on Monday, West Mercia Police said.

The road was closed for more than two hours while a tree blocking part of the route was removed.

The men in the Corsa were able to get out of the car.

They were taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

### Two are arrested over drug claims

TWO men were arrested on suspicion of theft and possession with intent to supply cocaine.

Police stopped the pair who were in a vehicle, believed to be stolen, shortly before noon on Thursday last week in Plas Ffynnon, Oswestry. Police spokesman Kieren Bodill said: "A 19-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, both from London, were both arrested on suspicion of theft and possession of controlled drug with intent to supply cocaine." The pair were released on bail until July 20.



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# Cheryl's mother 'rues the day' she signed Army form

Report by Sue Austin

**THE mother of teenage soldier Cheryl James, who died at the Deepcut Army barracks, says she rues the day that she signed her application form to join the military.**

Cheryl James under 18 when she decided on a career in the Army and so needed her parents' permission.

She was found dead with her rifle by her side while on guard duty at the Surrey camp in November 1995. Earlier this month an inquest ruled that she took her own life. Parents Des and Doreen James, from Llanymynech near Oswestry, had campaigned for two decades for a proper inquiry into their daughter's death after the first inquest took just 40 minutes.

## MP reaffirms support for care centres

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson has reaffirmed his support for urgent care centres to be built in Shropshire.

Health officials leading the Future Fit health shake-up said this week plans to build the centres had been dropped as part of wider plans to scrap one of the county's two A&E departments.

In response, Mr Paterson said: "My preferred option for the future is to establish a state of the art emergency centre covering the whole of Shropshire. Balancing this, I want to see the bulk of care currently undertaken by the two distant A&Es delivered much closer to home in urgent care centres. This could be done by enhancing the services of the Oswestry Health Centre built after our successful campaign. In Oswestry we won the case to bring x-ray and plastering services to the town. These are the sort of services I would like to see provided by the urgent care centres locally, carrying out the majority of A&E services with only the most serious, life threatening cases travelling to a state of the art hospital outside North Shropshire.

"I have chaired meetings every two months with health providers, local councils and other interested parties, since the campaign to keep open the local maternity unit at Gobowen more than 10 years ago. At the last three meetings of the Oswestry Health Group there has been unanimous support for the concept of establishing an urgent care centre in both Oswestry and Whitchurch."

In a poignant open letter, Mrs James this week thanked friends and supporters who she says over the last 20 years and more gave them the strength to pursue their quest to find some of the answers surrounding Cheryl's death.

"I knew there would always be some questions that we would never know the answers to but we had to find out as many as we could," she said.

"Little did we know what lay ahead of us, we never imagined how difficult this was going to be."

"It has been a long road, sadly it should have been a much shorter conclusion to how Cheryl lost her life, but every turn was hampered by red tape and things just got more difficult as time went by.

"We could not give up though, we needed answers and they were there somewhere."

Mrs James said she was disappointed by the coroner's verdict.

"Some questions still remain unanswered and probably always will be.

"At the end of it I am surprised that it turned out to be a verdict explaining the last few moments of Cheryl's life so definitively, how can anyone possibly know that?"

She said that things had been brought to light during the inquest that described the Army as a dangerous place to be when her daughter joined up.

"I rue the day that I signed her application form, she was under 18. But I have to live with that, the same as all those people like the commander of the camp and the people that failed in their commitment to these youngsters have to. They failed in their duty of care."

"Hopefully in the meantime changes have been made and youngsters are going in to a safe environment where they will be allowed to flourish and that people responsible for any misdoings should be made accountable for their actions or lack of them."

## Charity market is a big success



Kim Thompson-Lawrence, High Sheriff Christine Holmes and Alex Drury

THE High Sheriff of Shropshire and Oswestry's Mayor were among those in attendance at a recent charity market in the town.

The charity market ensured Bailey Head in the town centre was a colourful splash of banners and bunting. The charity market was organised by Qube and Oswestry Town Council and among those who took part were Qube's care information officer Kim Thompson-Lawrence and the charity's volunteering officer Alex Drury.

The High Sheriff of Shropshire Christine Holmes and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner came to support the event and spent a sunny morning chatting to volunteers.

More than 30 charities and organisations

took advantage of the opportunity to promote their work.

The diverse range of volunteers included Shropshire Mind, Derwen College, Fairshare Credit Union, Oswestry Rheumatology Association, Shropshire Cat Rescue and environmental churchyard charity, Caring for God's Acre.

The High Sheriff praised invaluable work done by volunteers in the county.

She tweeted links to the organisations present and said: "A great day at Oswestry Charity Market arranged by Qube, great to see so many volunteers - and not forgetting Woody the Guide Dog!" To find out about volunteering opportunities in Shropshire and borders call Qube on (01691) 656882.

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# Chronicle awards recognise firms' work for community

Report by Naomi Penrose

**THE Chronicle this week launches the second round of our We Mean Business Community Awards – and we are asking our readers to help us select the winners.**

The awards are running in conjunction with our unique We Mean Business campaign which promotes business and celebrates innovation in Oswestry.

As regular readers will be aware, each week since June last year the Chronicle has been running free-of-charge profiles on some of Oswestry's leading businesses. We have now given the free profiles to 50 businesses. After six months of the campaign we ran the first round of the We Mean Business Community Awards. The awards are aimed at recognising the great work our Oswestry businesses do for the community. And this week we are launching the second round of the awards with businesses featured in the last six months of the campaign in the running for an award. We are asking readers to help us choose the award winners. All you need to do is look through the list of great businesses which have been featured in the campaign in the last six months and choose who you feel is a worthy winner.

## Clampdown on yobs is set to begin

YOBS and louts are not wanted "full stop" in Welshpool, the mayor has said.

Mayor Councillor Steve Kaye spoke defiantly ahead of a public meeting on Monday with police to discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour.

It comes as Welshpool Town Council launches a drive to put a stop to the problems caused by escalating issues with crime and vandalism in the town.

Following the public meeting, a two-week consultation period with residents, from Monday until July 7, will be carried out which will see councillors man a phone line, monitor a website and check an incident book, where instances of anti-social behaviour will be reported.

Councillor Kaye said: "We don't want this behaviour and these type of people in our town full stop, we don't want them anywhere. We're hearing about people being cheeky, people urinating, spitting and drinking in our streets, that's not right. This system that we're bringing in place will help towards our clampdown and provide us with evidence that will strengthen our argument in getting this order we've been crying out for for so long."

Welshpool Town Council has been calling for a Designated Public Place Order, which has now been renamed as a People and Place Order, to restrict drinking in the town.

Councillor Kaye said he hopes the system will start this process or lead to another solution.



Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner and Chronicle associate editor Iain St John with the awards

## Musical fun in full swing

OSWESTRY'S Music in the Park programme for 2016 is about to get into full swing.

A popular fixture of Oswestry Town Council's bandstand events, "Chill in the Park" returns on Sunday on a mission to get Cae Glas Park into the mellow zone.

Organisers say people can expect a diverse range of sounds from jazz, progressive rock and soul, to classical, electronic and world music stretching from Eastern Europe to Africa and South America.

Organiser, Neil Phillips of Eclectic, says that no musical genre is off-limits as long as it soothes the soul and brings out the sunshine.

Slowcoach and The Vinylistas are also among the DJ line-up who will be getting

the crowds in the mood. Families, couples and groups can enjoy a long, lazy afternoon relaxing in the park with plenty of recreation on hand – children's play area, crazy golf, tennis, bowls, plus ice-cream and refreshment stands which are now a regular feature.

Chill in the Park runs from midday until 7pm, weather permitting, and organisers say it is an ideal destination for Father's Day. The event is part of a lively calendar of free Sunday music organised by Oswestry Town Council during the summer months.

Other dates include: Porth y Waen Silver Band on July 3, Reggae in the Park on July 10, Ifton Brass on August 7, Oswestry Street Band on August 14 and Bulgarian Folklore Club on August 21.

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I've learned a few lessons in the last couple of weeks about the perils of ordering goods online and I'm sure many readers out there will have similar tales to tell.

Ordering a new bathroom suite from a well known internet company seemed a good idea, particularly when it meant making a big saving on the investment – and all seemed well when the delivery arrived right on schedule and our old bathroom was stripped bare in readiness for the gleaming new appliances.

Then it emerged that the bath handles were missing and now two weeks down the line those lovely people at Soak.com have still failed to come up with missing bits. How hard can it be?

That's two weeks without a bathroom and two weeks of earache from a very stressed Mrs Breeze. Placing an order online couldn't be easier but when things go wrong getting help from a "customer services department" couldn't be harder – getting to speak to someone is the biggest problem. Every call takes an age to answer, and that's if you get an answer at all.

Four promises that the parts would be posted that day and that we would probably end up getting three sets of handles later and the Breeze bathroom is still bare – thankfully we have family living close by, whose bathroom is within walking distance. Thank goodness for the downstairs loo!

I was even given a tracking number for a parcel delivery company only to find the carriers had no trace of any package for my address and then the promise of a call back from a manager – still waiting. I have been forced to seek out an alternative supplier and tomorrow I'll be eagerly awaiting delivery with another promise still ringing in my ear. I'll let you know the outcome next week.

Hopefully I will have had a long soak in my new bath by then and Soak.com will be talking compensation. I'd better order some extra bubble for Mrs Breeze too – and I'll be shopping local in the future.

As someone with close on 40 years experience test driving cars for a weekly motoring column and a regular listener and viewer of Chris Evans shows I was anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new Top Gear show presented by the ginger whirlwind. But what a disappointment.

What was previously little more than an ego trip for the particularly obnoxious Jeremy Clarkson has now become little more than a copy with Evans displaying all the attributes of a man whose head may have become too big for his body.

Not sure if you agree but I thought episode two better than episode one and episode three better still so perhaps things are going in the right direction.



The look of the Simla may have changed but the great service has been consistent



Hard work and a team effort have ensured George Miah has enjoyed success with his restaurant



George and Julie Miah started a culinary revolution in Oswestry when they first opened the Simla

# George knows recipe for restaurant success

**Restaurant owner George Miah looks back on 40 years of success. NAOMI PENROSE reports**

**WHEN** restaurant owner George Miah opened up Oswestry's first Indian restaurant in 1976, he had a battle on his hands – trying to get the English palate to swap from its favourite of fish and chips to authentic Bangladeshi cuisine.

Forty years later the businessman can look back with pride at everything he has achieved through running the Simla restaurant on Beatrix Street.

Born in Bangladesh, Mr Miah, 62, moved to Shropshire with his uncle at the age of 13 for a better quality of life and to be able to support his family, and although Mr Miah is a much-loved member of the community who can't walk through Oswestry's town centre without stopping and chatting to people, things haven't always been smooth sailing.

"I love Oswestry," he said. "I love the people here. It's my life but the early days were hard days. We took a lot of abuse. At least once a month a window would be smashed. People would leave without paying and there was a fight in the restaurant at least once a fortnight."

"It was difficult, but there's none of that any more. In fact the people who did that will come in now and tell their grandchildren what they did and how wrong it was, and I find that quite special."

"We don't have that anymore. Things have come a long way." Mr Miah started working part-time at Shiraz restaurant in Shrewsbury in 1968, before working in Dudley for six



George and Julie Miah are celebrating 40 years at the Simla Restaurant

years where he met his wife Julie. But Mr Miah said his uncle didn't want him working for others forever, he wanted to see him branch out and run a place of his own. "My uncle would just hop on and off buses hoping to find a suitable place for me. He looked in Ludlow, Market Drayton, Bishop's Castle, but when he saw what's now Simla, it was perfect and readily on a plate," he said.

"So I asked the landlord for six months rental of the property but he asked if I could try a year really to see how it goes, and the rest is that."

Mr Miah recalls the early days when customers would opt for English meals such as fish and chips at the restaurant. "To begin with I'd say 85 per cent of customers would go for traditional English meals. For example, if I served 30 to 40 meals of a lunchtime, only two of those would be curries," he said.

fundraising dinner for good causes since 1988. Mr Miah estimates in total between £70,000 to £80,000 has been raised for charity through those events.

To mark the restaurant's 40th anniversary two charity nights have taken place recently – both of which completely sold out.

He said: "We could've held more nights and been sold out five or six times over, people really do support the events which is wonderful."

"One thing I've never done is keep an exact count on how much money we raise because when you give to charity you don't look at how much you give, the important thing is that you are giving to charity. I think people in the town have a lot of respect for that and respect me and you can't buy that, that's priceless."

Although Mr Miah has put his heart and soul into his business, he knows that it would not have been going for four decades without the customers.

He said: "The customers are king. They have the control. People think it's me that keeps Simla running. It's actually the customers and I'm incredibly grateful for that. The customers are like family actually. Because of the restaurant I don't get a social life, so my customers are very special to me, but I'm also incredibly lucky for the support I have from my family." Mr Miah and his wife Julie, 62, have three children, daughter Seema and sons Shohab and Shaheen, as well as now being grandparents to Seema's daughter Mehraz.

"My granddaughter is my inspiration and my family are just incredible," he said.

"This career path has meant so much sacrifice for them, I haven't been able to take my wife out and about because of work, and I haven't always been able to do things for my children because of that."

"It's been sacrifice for us all and I couldn't thank them enough for putting up with me and my unsociable hours, and being understanding of that."

## WORKING FOR YOU



This is my last column for the Chronicle before the EU Referendum on June 23. At present, it seems to be what most people want to talk to me about.

So, despite my longstanding decision to not join in any campaigning on this hugely important issue, I feel that I should make an exception.

I am writing while sitting under the famous statue of Churchill in Parliament Square wondering what our 'Great War Leader' would have thought, were he to be alive today.

We can only guess. We know Churchill was a great European, who would have wanted the nations of Europe to live and work in harmony.

He would have wanted co-operation across the continent, amongst those countries which are members of the EU, and those which are not. As I do. As most of us do.

He would have understood that Britain is a part of Europe, and that we should never turn our backs on Europe. Most of all he would have wanted peace in Europe.

But he would not necessarily have wanted Britain to become part of the undemocratic federal bureaucracy that is the EU today – where the British Parliament no longer passes the laws that govern us.

So I think asking what Churchill would think were he alive today is a fair question.

I have known that I will be voting 'Leave' on June 23 ever since the Prime Minister committed to holding the In/Out referendum in January 2013.

I voted to leave in 1975, and despite working closely and positively with the European Union ever since, I would have voted Leave if given the chance throughout the last 40 years.

I have to admit I was not in favour of this referendum.

I thought then and do now that it's an impossible question to answer with any certainty. Both sides have made totally incredible claims and counter-claims.

Big news today is that an EU official thinks a Leave vote will be the end of Western civilisation. What utter tosh.

In particular, I do not think the referendum is good for my party. The intense feelings of many of us have spilled over into unnecessarily aggressive and personal criticism of each other. There is going to be a huge challenge repairing the damage on June 24.

But repair it we must. I often look to my rugby career as a guide to my politics. You fought like gorillas until the final whistle blew. Then you retired to the bar for reconciliation and a pint. Never have I looked forward more to a final whistle than I do to that which will be blown at 10pm on June 23.

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## Letters

# Britain can stand tall in world without EU

HAVING listened to the extensive comments by members of the Conservative government regarding the EU, I have decided I'm Out, principally because the Government had a duty to sponsor both sides of the case in an even handed way.

Whereas they have decided to use all of their powers to promote one side only.

The denigration of my country by the In brigade disgusts me. If any foreign spokesman voiced similar comments about Great Britain they would be up in arms.

Can we believe that without the sanity of the EU we are a 'basket case', without the support and wisdom of our vintenn-

tal friends we are helpless, a dead duck and doomed as a nation for generations to come? None of our Conservative 'leaders' who are sending out anti-British thoughts were born when my country faced the daunting years of 1939 to 1941 when the UK was completely alone against the German savagery which was crushing country after country across Europe. The single voice of Winston Churchill (who had to fight off many Camerons of his day), raised the 'dead duck' Britain into a roaring lion.

And what of our footprints across the world 200 years ago when our missionary zeal showed millions of the poorest people

a better way of life? We spread education, free speech and free thinking out to them including infrastructure, buildings, roads, railways, (even today India still runs our civil service pattern), thereby lifting the veil of hopelessness for millions.

And yet today, according to Mr Cameron and his friends, we, the British, cannot hold a candle to other EU members – the likes of Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece. And not forgetting Poland, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Bosnia, Bulgaria etc.

**B RHODES**  
Market Drayton

# US President should keep his nose out of UK's affairs

HOW very tactful and diplomatic of Barack Obama to interfere in British politics and indeed threaten a host nation (UK) with the words, "If we vote to stay out of Europe we Brits would be at the back of a queue in any trade deal with the US".

What trade deal would that be then, as there has been none for over 40 years? It is also disgraceful for Obama to insist he has a stake in the referendum debate because of his country's sacrifice in the war.

Britain and the Commonwealth lost more troops than the Americans.

What an insult to every brave soul in our islands who fought for king and country and not for some anonymous and unaccountable faces in Europe.

The slight is made much worse when our wartime ally, the Soviet Union, lost nearly 11 million soldiers in the Second World War, about 65 per cent of all allied military casualties – President Putin must truly be affronted at such ignorance and bemused watching the blind leading the blind.

Indeed we should all be very troubled when our very own prime minister encourages such interference – has he finally taken leave of all his senses?

His days are thankfully numbered – as for Obama giving advice, his regime is the most failed presidency the US has ever had – Obama Care is a disaster, with rising insurance premiums, ballooning deductibles, and a declining enrolment.

**DAVE HASKELL**  
Cardigan, Ceredigion

# So who needs who the most?

THE UK is five times more dependent on trade with the European Union than they are with us.

Those telling the British people to leave the EU, glibly say that we will get the deal we want from Europe.

Because, they say, the other 27 EU nations would be desperate to give us any deal.

It is true that they sell more to us than we to them.

But 44 per cent of our trade is with the European Union.

Their trade with us is only eight per cent of their total trade.

This is because the rest of the EU is seven times larger than the UK.

Unfortunately it is us that would be desperate to get a quick deal.

The rest of the EU could afford to stall on new trade deals, they could put temporary tariffs on our goods.

This would allow other EU countries to pinch our sales and encourage some UK manufacturing companies to relocate to Europe.

We would lose jobs.

Brexit leaders need to tell the British people the truth before we make a fatal decision!

**BILL MCCLEMENTS**  
Apley

# Image shows building of some character



Now here's a building of some character. It is Old Hall, West Felton, as seen in an undated postcard – Edwardian, we imagine – loaned by postcard collector Ray Farlow

# We have lost so much after we signed up to deal

BEFORE the UK joined the Common Market which is now the EU, the UK had a growing economy with a successful manufacturing and industrial base, both growing and exporting.

The UK also had control over its fishing limits and UK fishermen could catch what they liked – until our fishing rights were given away to our European competitors to steal our fish.

Immigration and asylum were managed a lot better then, without the vast numbers of economic migrants from the EU, as most of the people coming in to the UK back then, were from the Commonwealth. After we joined the Common Market "EU" it was one crisis after another with strikes, power cuts and the country almost bankrupt.

We lost control of our fishing limits, we lost our coal mines, we lost our ship building and docks, we lost our motor industry, and if that's not enough we lost control over our own borders and the right to self determination to govern ourselves.

**MARK NORWOOD**  
Whittington

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# Blownit is a more apt title

THE UK's net contribution to the EU budget is around 0.4 per cent of our GDP.

As a comparison that's around a quarter of what the UK spends on defence and nowhere near enough to cure all our ills.

Europe plus USA accounts for around 78 per cent of our exports, can we afford to put these lucrative markets at risk?

I think Brexit is an ideal name for the anti's as a lot of investors will exit if we vote out. I think a better title would be Blownit.

**ROD SHAW**  
Shrewsbury

# Left disappointed by this lame duck of a US president

PRESIDENT Obama was a very promising breath of fresh air when he was first elected eight years ago. He pledged to close that affront to democracy and justice that is the US prison at Guantanamo.

Not only is that prison still open but he now apparently spends more time than Tiger Woods playing golf because he cannot get anything done in the US Government and is regarded the proverbial "lame duck".

A couple of years ago he sent his envoy, accompanied by EU officials, to Ukraine to encourage those citizens to revolt against their elected government which was eventually removed resulting in Russia moving to help the minority Ukrainian Crimea from being persecuted. This unwarranted meddling in the affairs of another country has led to ongoing suffering and civil war.

Are we really meant to take this very soon to be ex-president seriously when he has the temerity to come over here and lecture us on how we vote in the EU referendum?

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### New headmistress at girls' school

AN independent all girls school has appointed a new headmistress.

Diane Browne will be taking the helm at Adcote School in Little Ness, near Oswestry, from September.

Mrs Browne comes to the school from Westonbirt School, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, where she is currently director of studies and a former head of English.

Naomi Pritchard, acting headmistress at Adcote, said: "Mrs Browne was an outstanding candidate in the interview process. Her passion for high-quality, girls-only education makes her an ideal leader to take the school into the next stage of its development."

"She fully understands the benefits of educating women of the future in a small and caring environment."

Mrs Browne said: "I am thrilled and proud to be the new headmistress of such a wonderful, happy school. I am looking forward to helping Adcote move into a new and exciting phase of its history."

### Five arrested in drugs operation

FIVE people were arrested after police carried out three drug warrants in the Oswestry area on Wednesday last week.

Warrants were carried out at in Shelf Bank Close and Queen Elizabeth Close in Oswestry, as well as Applewood Heights in West Felton, which led to a large amount of suspected class A and class B drugs being seized.

A 34-year-old man from Powys, a 19-year-old man from Liverpool and a 51-year-old man from Oswestry were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of class A.

A 19-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman, both from Oswestry, were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of class B.

# Hospice to celebrate its special birthday in style

Report by Naomi Penrose

**HOPE House Children's Hospice is preparing to celebrate its 21st birthday in style later this month.**

A 21st Birthday Extravaganza will take place on June 26 at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry between 10am and 4pm and organisers say the celebration promises to be a fun filled day for all.

The day will begin with character Princesses opening the day, meeting the children and entertaining everyone with a few songs.

The entertainment continues with Corner Exotics popping in during the morning, Dr Zigs and their Extraordinary Bubbles, circus skills, ukulele workshops, pirate fencing with foam swords, storytelling and much more.

During the afternoon there will also be singing from Hope House Choir, performances from Border Counties Gymnastics, MD Warriors and even a little bit of Pyjama Drama. To keep little hands busy Morrisons will be running pizza decorating, Honeybotts will be painting pottery and seeds can be planted to take home to grow. For more active children there will be inflatables, go karts, and the Ball Sports coaching football and cricket speed cage.

There will be classic cars on show and there will be wood fired pizza from Ambers Wood Fired Kitchen, a hog roast and a barbecue from Home Farm Overton. Champavans will be there with their vintage bar serving drinks. Lynsey Kilvert from Hope House said: "Together with British Ironwork Centre we look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the help and support given to local children and their families for the past 21 years. Our thanks go to our sponsors The British Ironwork Centre and GS and PA Reeves Timber Merchant for making this event possible."



Hope House Children's Hospice fundraisers and the British Ironwork Centre staff get ready to celebrate

### Home group could close say bosses

AN organisation that manages more than 4,000 council properties could be closed.

Councillor Malcolm Price, Shropshire Council's portfolio holder for housing, told an environment and services scrutiny committee, that other options may have to be considered to protect housing stock currently managed by Star (Shropshire Towns and Rural) Housing.

Star is a council-owned "arms length management organisation", which looks after 4,200 of its properties, mainly in the Oswestry and Bridgnorth areas.

In a presentation given by Sue Adams, the company's managing director, it was explained that the initiative had proved successful since it was set up in 2013, but that changes in legislation could lead to a significant increase in costs - with a knock-on effect on the ability to provide housing.

Councillor Price said that the situation means the council is considering a number of options including merging with another organisation.

He said: "The accounts are stable but in time they will dwindle. Is that the best way to maintain the stock?"

### Goats subject of group's meeting

GOATS will be the subject of a talk given at the next meeting of a small-holding and country living group.

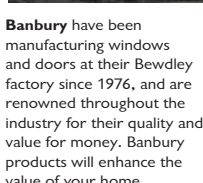
Steve Derrick will be giving the talk on goats at this month's meeting of North Shropshire and Borders Small-holding and Country Living Group.

From the origins through to selecting the right breed, and questioning why you want a goat, Mr Derrick will give an informative talk with facts and comparisons throughout.

The talk is taking place at Llanyblodwell and Porthwywaen Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday.

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## Force fined £150k over email blunder

DYFED Powys Police has been fined £150,000 after an officer accidentally sent an email containing the personal details of eight sex offenders to a member of the public.

The recipient of the message was mistakenly included in what was supposed to be an internal message group at the police force. However, that person received five emails meant for other people in four days in April last year. One message contained a list of eight sex offenders in Powys, including their names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses, the Information Commissioner's Office said.

The officer accidentally sent the sex offender message to a member of a local community scheme after choosing the wrong name in the force's electronic list of contacts.

Dyfed Powys Police said they work hard to make sure data is kept confidential. Temporary Deputy Chief Constable Liane James said: "We accept that mistakes were made and have acted to make the necessary changes to processes and systems. We work hard to ensure the safety of the data available to us and will continue to take the learning from this, now and in the future."

## Body of man is found at house

A BODY of a man has been found at a house in Oswestry.

Police were called shortly before 2.25pm on Wednesday last week to an address in Heather Close in Oswestry.

Terri-Anne Powell, spokeswoman for West Mercia Police, said: "Officers attended the street.

"The death is not thought to be suspicious.

"Next of kin have been informed."

# Traditional pub game reintroduced by club



Regular nine-pin skittles matches will be played at the Last Inn



Skittles has been reintroduced by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club to the area

**OSWESTRY Cambrian Rotary Club has reintroduced the old traditional pub game of nine-pin skittles to the area.**

The club has built a movable skittle alley at The Last Inn at Hengoed with the intention of bringing back the community spirit and friendships that the game engendered. A skittle league

### Report by Naomi Penrose

used to be based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's social club.

More than 35 local people watched and played in its first inaugural game at the Last Inn. Russ Raymond of the Last Inn said: "We are so pleased to be reintroducing this great pub game. We are very much a community pub and this fits in perfectly with our ethos

and we are grateful to Cambrian Rotary for the skittle lane and for working with us on this. There will be a nominal charge to use the lane and will be an ongoing way of raising regular funds for them for their Rotary projects".

President Mike Lade said: "It's been a pleasure working with Julian and Russ at the pub on this project. If any pubs, football teams, clubs or

businesses would like to enter a team of eight people for a game then please get in touch. We will be playing every Tuesday evening at the Last Inn from 7pm so come along.

"You do not need to be a rotarian to play of course.

"This project has been one of our Rotary in Action initiatives in our local community and we look forward to its future."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Grassland to go under the hammer

A PRODUCTIVE 11.27-acre block of grassland at Melverley, near Oswestry is to be sold by public auction later this week.

The land is situated adjacent to Fields Farm, Melverley.

It has a guide price of £5,500 to £6,000 an acre.

It is going under the hammer at auctioneers Halls' Shrewsbury headquarters tomorrow (Friday). The land up for auction is divided into three fields.

It has direct access to the minor road between Melverley and Pentre and there is a natural water supply.

The land is suitable for grazing cattle, sheep or horses, as it's located in an area renowned for its heavy stocking capabilities.

The market towns of Shrewsbury and Oswestry are 10 miles away and Welshpool is 12 miles away.

For more information about the land up for auction or the auction itself people can contact Halls on (01743) 450700.

### Four men to face kidnapping trial

FOUR men will go on trial later this summer in connection with an alleged attempted kidnapping of a woman and three children in Oswestry.

Zahoor Hussain, 38, and Mohammed Anser Khan, 31, both of Whitehall Road, West Bromwich, Muserat Khan, 36, of Greets Green Road, West Bromwich, and Ateek Khan, 27, of Oak Road, West Bromwich, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Friday. All four pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to kidnap on March 4.

Muserat Khan and Zahoor Hussain were also charged with assault by beating. All four men were remanded in custody by Judge Peter Barrie for a trial to be held on August 30.



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### Talks will hear about canal plans

PLANS for the future of the Montgomery Canal will be spelt out at a meeting later this month.

The waterway will be discussed at the next meeting of the Montgomery Canal Forum.

The forum will meet on June 27 at 2.30pm with the talks held at The Elephant & Castle Hotel in Newtown.

The meeting will look at the Montgomery Canal as part of the national network of waterways reaching into Wales, bringing benefits in regeneration and as an amenity for residents and visitors, and to hear about steps being taken for the next stages of restoration.

The forum will be opened by Richard Edwards, Mayor of Newtown. Principal speakers will be Lynne Berry OBE, chair of Bwrdd Glandwr Cymru (the Canal & River Trust in Wales) and Cllr Avril York, portfolio holder for regeneration and planning at Powys County Council.

### Motorists face police crackdown

OFFICERS have launched a campaign to crack down on motorists who risk their own and others' lives by driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Dyfed-Powys Police will lead the month-long campaign on behalf of the four Welsh police forces, which will run until July 10 to coincide with Euro 2016.

Thousands of motorists face being stopped as teams from the four forces – Dyfed-Powys, North Wales, South Wales and Gwent – conduct road checks at various locations across the country.

During last year's campaign in Wales officers carried out about 12,000 breath tests, of which more than 300 roadside breath tests were positive.

# Company's move next stage in big expansion

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A WASTE management company has completed its move into a new refurbished headquarters as part of ongoing expansion.**

Welshpool-based firm Potter Group has added the adjoining 5.5 acre of the former Floform factory site on Henfaes Lane to its 7.5 acres at Potters Yard and has moved its head office into vacant office space there.

Current tenants in the former Floform factory Dawson Shannahan Engineering, Invertek Drives and Amco Construction will stay on the 106,000 sq ft site.

The Potter Group had outgrown its former head office at Potter's Yard, having recruited 15 new members of staff in the last 12 months.

### Recycling

Potter's Yard will remain as home to the waste transfer station, scrapyard and adjoining community recycling centre, while the weighbridge has been moved to the new Henfaes Lane site.

"The purchase is part of our ongoing programme of expansion," said James Potter, Potter Group managing director.

"We bought the site from a London-based investment company because it perfectly suited our needs for the development of the Potter's Yard base.

"The move will allow us to develop the present base into a state-of-the-art facility to help us deliver sustainable waste management services and offer total waste management solutions for years to come."

"Customers should not be affected other than needing to use the Henfaes Lane entrance in future and it's business as usual," he said.

## Concert will help group's funding drive



Ieuan Jones will be returning to his roots for a fundraising event

AN international musician is returning to his Mid Wales roots to perform a solo concert in aid of a charity which helps prevent serious mental illness in young people.

Ieuan Jones, who has played for royalty and audiences across the globe during his glittering career, will be presenting selections from his latest album which features his world-first adaption of Schubert's piano compositions for the harp.

Ieuan, who used to live in the area before moving to London, will be back in Berriew, near Welshpool, tomorrow evening (Friday) for the concert to raise money for Newtown-based charity Rekindle. Founded in 1998 by Ieuan's lifelong friends Jenny and Neville Thomas, Rekindle supports young people and adults suffering from or at risk of mental illness. The concert, which will be staged in Berriew's Grade II listed parish church St Beuno's, will support the charity's Small Steps service which is unique in Wales and specialises in preventing serious mental illness developing in vulnerable 16-25 year olds. Tickets which cost £15 are available from Christine Cookson on (01686) 640244, Beryl Vaughan on (01938) 820775, Jenny Thomas on (01686) 951515, or Meriel Thomas 07834 834085.

## Charity looks to help older alcoholusers

A CHARITY has set up a new service to clamp down on what it says may be "an epidemic of binge-drinking pensioners".

Drug and alcohol support charity, Kaleidoscope, is launching its new service in Mid Wales aimed at calling time on excessive drinking amongst that age group across the region.

It comes as figures show an estimated 1.4 million people aged 65 and over are exceeding recommended drinking limits.

Kaleidoscope's Powys regional manager, Barry Eveleigh, said surveys suggest that the number of men and women aged 45 to 65 and over exceeding sensible limits is rising.

The service aims to make older people aware of the dangers of excessive drinking with the hope of achieving a significant reduction in alcohol-related harm, helping them to live healthier, more active and independent lives.

The new service is manned by dedicated health professionals to provide free alcohol-related health checks and give advice, information and support across Powys. Call (01686) 207111 for advice.

## Mini tennis proves to be a big hit

YOUNGSTERS from across north Powys competed in a mini tennis schools competition.

The Montgomeryshire Mini Tennis Finals took place in Newtown and featured 160 youngsters who had won their qualifying tournaments against hundreds of other players across the area.

This year's competition included four cluster qualifying events that saw 648 players and 162 teams take part from 22 primary schools before 17 schools made it to the finals.

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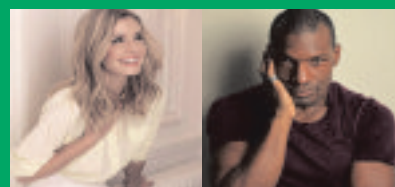
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## Deadline on changes to remain same

A MEETING has failed to find more time for town and parish councils to take over vital services in Shropshire.

Shropshire Council has refused to extend the deadline for towns and parishes to formulate plans to run services like libraries, leisure centres, parks and community centres. In a summit on Tuesday, the authority also failed to agree with suggestions that it should hold a referendum on increasing council tax to pay for the at-risk services.

Town and parish councils have been given until September to express their interest in taking on closure threatened services. As a result of the meeting, Shropshire Council has asked the county's town and parish councils to form "clusters" and discuss which services they would like to take over. The summit meeting followed calls from town councils, including Oswestry Town Council, for a referendum to be held over increasing council tax. The council backed a Memorandum of Cooperation over the planned redesign of services. The Memorandum of Cooperation "records concerns of the past financial management of Shropshire Council that has brought about some of the current funding problem by years of refusing to increase local council tax". The document also recognises "the financial restriction already placed on the larger parish and town councils by the refusal of Shropshire Council to pass on the council tax support grant over the last two years". It said a referendum would "ensure a countywide consistency and equality of cost sharing for the services under threat and to provide market town councils with a clear community mandate of support, or otherwise for local council tax increases."

## Councillors to meet villagers

TWO councillors accused of ignoring issues affecting villagers have pledged to meet with their detractors.

Councillors David Lloyd and Robert Macey both plan to attend the next meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council on Monday to address concerns raised by members.

They have also sent a joint letter to the council in response to specific issues and projects.

It comes after parish councillors recorded a vote of no confidence in Shropshire Council and the two councillors, who cover the Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn ward.

Parish councillors have previously claimed that representations for road safety improvement in and close to the village have not been dealt with and believe neighbouring villages St Martins and Gobowen get preferential treatment.

In their letter, Councillors Lloyd and Macey said work to improve the bends at the Wern have been held up because the section of road first needs resurfacing.

"We both supported work requested near the primary school and Plough Inn," they said. "Like many others, this scheme failed to meet prioritisation requirements as did many county wide. However a flashing speed sign has been ordered and is to be installed soon."

## Fairground family can stay on site

A TRAVELLING fairground family will be allowed to stay on the site of a former primary school for up to nine months while it looks for a permanent home.

The Stokes family has made a home for its members on the playground of the former Ifton Heath Primary School in St Martins, near Oswestry for the past 12 months after being given temporary permission by Shropshire Council.

The family has for generations travelled Britain with their fairground rides and for many years when not travelling sited its caravans and fairground rides at the livestock market in Oswestry.

But when that land was included in the development site for a new market and a supermarket the family found itself without a home.

In a report to Tuesday's Shropshire Council north planning meeting planning officer Karen Townend said that the council would not be able to sell the former school site as it has not yet been agreed by the Education Funding Agency.

# Hundreds attend information event at library



Oswestry Town Council Mayor Paul Milner with Steph Dunbar of Shropshire RCC

AROUND 350 local people attended an information event held at Oswestry Library.

The Celebrating Age morning, organised by library staff in partnership with Oswestry Equality Group, provided a showcase for those aged 50 and over to find out about opportunities for leisure, learning and support in the community.

More than 20 clubs and organisations

were represented, catering for a wide range of interests and needs, and the response was overwhelmingly positive, organisers of the information event have said.

Coordinator Gwenan Griffiths, team librarian at Oswestry Library, said: "The library was a hive of activity and many visitors went home with useful information."

"This event, coming hot on the heels of our

successful Health Awareness Day organised in partnership with Oswestry Rotary Club, highlights the library's essential role in building and sustaining community resilience.

"We would like to thank all the organisations who attended and also Oswestry Borders U3A for serving refreshments."

Penny Rice from Oswestry Equality Group agreed the event had been a success.



Oswestry Town Council Mayor Paul Milner tries out the indoor putting range

She said: "We are extremely pleased with how the morning has gone."

"We have had very positive feedback and people have really appreciated the opportunity to find out what is on offer to them."

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner attended the event and met Steph Dunbar of Shropshire RCC and he also tried out an indoor putting range from Oswestry Golf Club.

# Good pals Brian and Bully reach the end of the road



One of the toy models of Brian Eccleston's unique truck Bully



Brian Eccleston and his beloved truck Bully are calling it a day after 15 years on the road

Report by Sue Austin

**BRIAN and Bully come as a pair, the truck driver and his truck.**

They have travelled the roads of Britain for the past 15 years, the distinguishable union jack livery loved by truck spotters and children alike.

They headed a Queens Diamond Jubilee parade and there are even die-cast models of Bully, the Scania lorry, available to buy.

But now the inseparable pair have called it a day.

Brian Eccleston is retiring at the age of 68 and his employers, Ridgway Rentals of St Martins near Oswestry, have decided that it is the perfect time to take Bully off the road.

Stuart Jones of Ridgway said: "Brian has been driving Bully from the very first day. "A bit like Bonnie and Clyde, Laurel and Hardy or Ant and Dec you can't have one without the other. Bully has had plenty of maintenance to keep her in tip top condition, we often joke the only original part of the lorry is the driver and Brian has never had a day off sick all that time."

Mr Eccleston said it had been a wonderful 15 years after a 53-year career in both driving and construction.

"I semi-retired about 15 years about but then Ridgway asked me to step in when a driver was off sick and do six weeks. I knew the family and so I agreed."

"Those six weeks turned into 15 years," he said.

"I've have enjoyed those years so much. Bully, named because of its bull nose, has certainly attracted attention. I've driven to the very top of Scotland and down to the south coast and even Guernsey. Everywhere we go people wave to use from motorway bridges and want to take photos and come and talk and climb up into the cab."



Brian Eccleston and his truck Bully



Brian Eccleston with his retirement cake and truck models. Photos: John Sambrooks.



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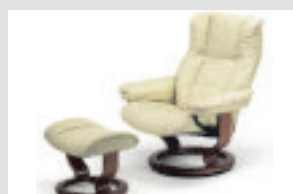
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## Bike festival set to bring in big crowds

BUSINESS leaders in Llangollen say they are looking forward to a biking event.

Llangollen businesses and organisations say they are eagerly anticipating LlanBikeFest 2016 on July 23 and 24.

Guest of honour Giacomo "Ago" Agostini – winner of an unbeaten 122 Grand Prix wins and 15 World Championships – is flying in from his Italian home to spend the weekend at the festival meeting fans, judging competitions and providing opportunities for autographs and photos.

Harley-Davidson rider and Mayor of Llangollen, Mike Adams, and Town Crier Austin Cheminais will open the event along with supporters including Llangollen and District Motorcycle Club and local TT and road race star Paul "Moz" Owen.

LlanBikeFest co-organiser John Hutchinson said: "We are grateful for the fantastic support we are receiving from the town to make this a real Llangollen Festival which will be enjoyed by local people as well as bikers from far and wide."

Held at the town's Royal International Pavilion LlanBikeFest is set amid some of Britain's best biking roads – at the foot of the Horseshoe Pass and its famously bike-friendly Ponderosa Cafe, and on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park.

## Certificate for trader

A LONG serving market trader has been honoured ahead of his retirement.

Dave Evans, known as The Cheese Man, has had a stall at Welshpool Town Hall market for more than 25 years. The market trader was presented with a certificate by Councillor Steve Kaye, Welshpool's mayor.

# Medical team is praised for life-changing work

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A SPECIALIST team of medical professionals in Shropshire who help people deal with serious spinal injuries have been hailed as "life-changers" after being shortlisted for a national award.**

The Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries, based at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital in Oswestry, was shortlisted for a Spinal Injuries Association Rebuilding Lives Award.

The team was shortlisted for the Outstanding Achievement Award, sponsored by Shropshire-based law firm, Lanyon Bowdler, who said the recognition was richly deserved. Kay Kelly, head of clinical negligence at Lanyon Bowdler, has knowledge of the team through various cases, and said they did an amazing job and were very well-respected. She said: "The Rebuilding Lives Awards are a truly inspiring initiative because they highlight so many people who work really hard to improve the lives of their patients. The Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries in Oswestry is incredible, and I have seen first hand the hugely positive impact its specialist and life-changing work can have on patients."

Dawn Humphries, personal injury solicitor and spinal injuries specialist at Lanyon Bowdler, said: "We are very privileged to have the Midlands Spinal Injuries Centre here in Shropshire. All of the team at the RJAH offer outstanding rehabilitation facilities to our clients following a spinal cord injury."

## Firm's work given royal approval



AFPST skier Dan Ord gives Prince Harry the Oswestry-made T-shirt

WOUNDED and injured soldiers have found themselves more allies – in the form of an Oswestry clothing company and Prince Harry.

Oswestry-based Sewprint Workwear, a firm that specialises in personalised workwear, staff uniforms and customised clothing, has thrown its weight behind one of the lesser-known armed forces charities Armed Forces Para-Snowsport Team (AFPST) producing its merchandise and helping with its online presence.

Angie Roope, sales director at Sewprint, said: "All this came about as a result of some work we did for one of the army officers – Major Elizabeth Burgess – based at the Sir Thomas Moore Barracks in Winchester in Hampshire."

"Originally, Major Burgess asked us to create some personalised sports and leisurewear for the new army recruits at the barracks."

"But it turns out that Major Burgess is one of the trustees for a charity called the Armed Forces Para-Snowsport Team."

AFPST is a charity run by military and ex-military volunteers and uses adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding to enhance people's recovery from wounds, injuries or sickness.

Prince Harry visited the team to hear more about the charity and he was presented with an AFPST T-shirt produced by Sewprint.

## Farmers call for resolution on payments

FARMERS who have land on both sides of the English/Welsh border have called on rural affairs secretary Liz Truss to step into a row over European subsidies which should have been paid five months ago.

NFU Cymru has recently written to Ms Truss, asking for full EU basic payment scheme payments to be made to hundreds of cross border farmers.

The union's president Stephen James said: "Seven months after the window for basic payment scheme payments opened, hundreds of Welsh/English cross border farmers are still waiting for their full payment."

"These businesses are being unfairly penalised by the delays just because their land straddles the Wales/England border and Rural Payments Wales and the Rural Payments Agency are unable to cope with the established situation."

"We find it extremely concerning that in 2016 when it is commonplace for data to be easily shared between different systems that data cannot be promptly and effectively shared between the RPA and RPW."

Last month, Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies said farmers in the area have been left unable to pay their suppliers and are finding it difficult to run their businesses.

Mr Davies, who said he believed about 300 cross-border farmers are affected, has been discussing the issue with farming minister George Eustace and will also call for a debate in parliament.

The bureaucratic hold up with the EU basic payment scheme is, the farmers say, because civil servants in Westminster have not sent data on their English land to the Welsh government, which has to hand out the payment.

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2. We must be able to control our borders, immigration will continue but we must restrict it to those with the necessary skills. At the moment, we are accepting migrants from the EU, Africa and the Middle East who are attracted to the UK due to our national living wage, which is 5 times higher than it is in Bulgaria or Romania. Mass migration is diluting and unbalancing our society, putting huge pressure on schools, housing and the NHS and with their higher birth rate, this will only multiply.
3. The UK has the 5th largest economy in the world. We have a trade deficit with the EU of £68bn per year whilst with rest of the world it is £31bn in surplus. We want to be free to negotiate trade deals with the world and indeed the EU, who will not want to imperil access to our vibrant market.
4. Brussels, through its Employment Directive, has imposed a huge range of restrictions, regulations and bureaucracy on British companies. We would sweep away those rules which are surplus to requirement. Only 5% of British firms export to the EU but 100% suffer from Brussels red tape.
5. The EU has a long term plan for a European federal state, with a single government. Do we want to lose even more of our sovereignty to be one of 28 members, who take a long time to agree about even the most fundamental issues? Remember, the UK joined the Common Market in 1973 when it was a Free Trade Area of just 9 member States. Now there are 28 members with 5 more, including Turkey, in the queue to join.
6. NATO is the reason that Europe has enjoyed peace for 70 years, not the EU. As part of the federalist ambitions of Brussels, the plan is to create a European Army. Imagine our chances, after a vote of 28 members, of being able to protect Gibraltar or the Falklands. The UK at present has a seat on the UN Security Council. A Federal Europe would replace our seat with an EU seat.
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# Football fever hits as fans follow their teams



Wayne Rooney is hoping to bring success for England



Soccer superstar Gareth Bale is hoping for Welsh glory

FOOTBALL fever has definitely hit the Oswestry and Welshpool area – and with England and Wales set to clash today (Thursday) in the 2016 European Championships, interest in the beautiful game has rarely been higher.

While many football fans have taken the trip over to France to see the soccer action in person,

### Report by Naomi Penrose

many of us will be following our teams' progress at home.

Win, lose or draw, a large section of the country's population will be glued to the TV screens cheering on our favourites and hoping for glory in this summer's football extravaganza.

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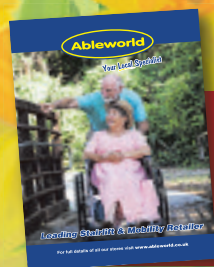
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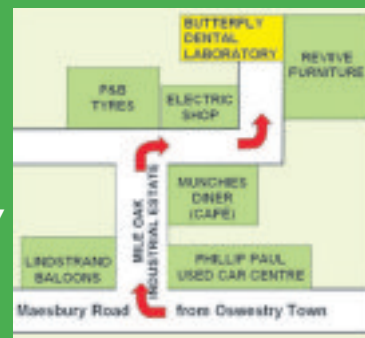
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## Four-bedroomed farmhouse comes with outbuildings

For sale by public auction, Ty Mawr, Pontfadog, Llangollen comes with a four-bedroomed farmhouse, two ranges of agricultural outbuildings and 17.5 acres of land.

It is for sale by public auction on Friday July 15 at 2.30pm at The Swan Inn, Pontfadog, with a guide price of £300,000.

The farmhouse provides traditional accommodation on two floors with render finish to all external walls and a slate clad roof.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "The property is ripe for modernisation and enhancement by the new owner and is capable of offering a spacious family home with views over the village of Pontfadog and the Ceiriog Valley."

In more detail it has an entrance hall approached from the garden. The living room has a solid slate floor and a modern tiled fireplace. The sitting room has a substantial brick built fireplace in a large timber surround, a beamed ceiling, alcove cupboards and a solid slate floor.

There is a kitchen and two cold rooms – one with a slate floor and slate topped cold shelf, the other with a slate floor and an extensive run of slate topped cold shelves and open stairs rising to the first floor.

Back from the entrance hall stairs rise to the landing. Bedroom one has a feature open fireplace, double doored alcove cupboards and access to the over-stair box room with a window. Bedroom two has a feature open fireplace and double doored alcove cupboards. There are two further bedrooms, with bedroom four having open stairs down to the ground floor accommodation. The bathroom has a three piece suite and a store cupboard and electric wall heater.

Detached from the farmhouse are two ranges of agricultural outbuildings having ample scope for a variety of uses (subject to appropriate consents). These are both stone built, on two levels in the main and have a mix of slate or sheet covered roofs.

The land is a mix of pasture and woodland and sporting rights come with the property.

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## Property in a sought after village location

LLANFECHAIN  
£189,500

A spacious extended semi-detached family home, 4 Maes Mechain, Llanfechain, lies in a sought after village location.

Well maintained and tastefully decorated throughout, it is for sale through Town & Country at £189,500.

Having four bedrooms it is close to local amenities which include a primary and junior school, church, restaurant, community hall and the village community shop.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an enclosed porch, an entrance hall, a living room, a snug, a kitchen/diner, a rear hall, a WC, utility room, landing with built-in wardrobes, four bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom.

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## Attractive period family house enjoys a rural location

WEST FELTON  
£495,000

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An attractive period family house situated in a rural location with extended flexible accommodation, Hailstones, West Felton, Oswestry also has lovely countryside views.

It is for sale through Balfours at £495,000. It has a reception hall, a kitchen/family room, a sitting room, utility room, office, side entrance hall, a cloakroom, ground floor bedroom, ground floor bathroom, first floor lounge with a balcony, a master bedroom with a dressing room, two further bedrooms, a family shower room, gardens and grounds. Hailstones is situated in a rural location, on the outskirts of the popular hamlet of West Felton. Local amenities are available in the village by way of a post office, primary school, pub, village hall and church, and the property is well located for commuting.

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# Five bedroomed home has superb views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN  
£400,000

A detached five bedroomed country property with outstanding views, Bryn Paenod, Llanfechain, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £400,000.

The property is situated in a large garden and has been extensively refurbished by the current owners to a high standard throughout.

Bryn Paenod is a detached property principally built of stone under a slated roof.

The accommodation is well appointed throughout with oil fired central heating and upvc double glazing, pine and oak boarded country style doors.

Accommodation comprises kitchen, drawing room, sun room, lounge, library, study, cloakroom, five bedrooms and two bathrooms.

There is double garaging, a good sized garden and



the property is in a private position.

The property offers the opportunity to be split to provide separate living accommodation.

Bryn Paenod is approached over a private roadway leading to a wide stone forecourt, block and slated garage/workshop with two up and over doors.

The property stands in a good sized south facing garden having the benefit of a rear decked patio offering extensive views across the adjoining fields, woodland and valley.

Bryn Paenod is approximately two miles from the village of Llansantffraid with its local facilities including shop, post office, primary school, public house, petrol station, and is approximately 12 miles from the border market town of Oswestry.

For more information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



## Detached period house in lovely village enjoys cottage gardens

WEST FELTON  
£345,000 >>>

A charming detached period house with cottage gardens in the centre of West Felton village, yet conveniently positioned for Oswestry, Court Cottage in Threadneedle Street is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £345,000 with no chain.

Set off a quiet lane and screened from the road by a range of traditional outbuildings, the property is deceptive at first. Its accommodation briefly comprises, a porch, study, a lobby, two generous reception rooms (a lounge and sitting room) with high ceilings, a kitchen/dining room with a beautiful outlook over the garden and a sunny aspect, a utility room, three good bedrooms and a shower room.

Outside the outbuildings including a traditional double bay brick outbuilding suitable for garaging and/or storage with light and power.

For details contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.



## Attractive period family property sits in beautiful historic town

MONTGOMERY  
£225,000 <<<

Honeysuckle Cottage, on Pool Road, Montgomery, is for sale at £225,000 through Halls.

The property comprises an attractive period detached two storey family home situated in a popular part of the historic town of Montgomery with private parking, large rear garden and generous adaptable accommodation. The property is in need of some modernisation and offers scope for extension, subject to purchaser's requirements.

The property is situated within walking distance of the town centre amenities. Montgomery is a most attractive and picturesque town with a wealth of history to its name.

A striking hall mark of Montgomery is an eleventh century castle which towers over the town and provides a most impressive panoramic view of the local countryside.

Contact Halls on 01938 555552.



# Music star Bryn stops by to sing with Fron Choir



Bryn Terfel, left, with Oswestry Town Clerk and Fron Choir member David Preston

CLASSICAL music star Bryn Terfel has sung in all the great opera houses of the world, duetting with Shirley Bassey at the Millennium Stadium before the 1999 Rugby World Cup Final and performing in front of thousands. But the bass baritone still found time to pop into a little chapel on the Shropshire/Welsh border to help a male voice choir start its 70th birthday celebrations. The singer will feature in a documentary for the Welsh television channel, S4C. Recently

he travelled to Froncysyllte near Oswestry to meet up with singers from the choir, which includes members from Shropshire, along with conductor Leigh Mason. Among the choristers were two Fron Choir founding members, Dennis Williams and Glyn Gough, now both in their 80s, who still sing regularly with the group. Bryn Terfel chatted to the stalwarts about their seven decades of singing before recording Welsh song, Tydi Arddai, with the choir.



Bryn Terfel with the Fron Male Voice Choir

Choir member David Preston, who is also Oswestry town clerk, said singing with the star had been a "wonderful experience". He said: "He spent three hours with us in the Seion Chapel. "He was full of humour and very interesting to talk to. "It is a memory that will live with us for a long time." Fron Choir was formed before the first Llangollen International Eisteddfod in 1947 following a public meeting at Seion

Chapel. The group needed 60 voices to compete at the time and targeted men in the village and the local youth club to form the first group, which at the time was the youngest in Wales. The group stayed together following the Eisteddfod and went on to enjoy success singing in Llangollen and the National Eisteddfod. The choir's Voices of the Valley CD was number one in the classical music charts in 2006 and members have gone on to record five more albums.

## Calls made for modernisation of 999 service

CALLS have been made to modernise ambulance services after the latest response times in Mid Wales showed a 10 per cent drop from the previous month. The statistics, published by the Welsh Government earlier this month, show that the percentage of ambulances arriving at the scene of emergency within eight minutes in Powys has seen a drop from 66.1 per cent in March to 56.1 per cent in April.

Russell George, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, expressed concern and called for more consistent ambulance performance measures to allow for easier comparisons in emergency response times across the United Kingdom.

Mr George said: "In spite of the continued hard work of healthcare professionals and ambulance staff, the sharp deterioration in ambulance response times for life-threatening calls in Powys is concerning. Ambulances queuing at emergency departments is also unfortunately becoming a common sight across Wales, indicative of a poorly managed health service in desperate need of revitalisation."

Rob Jeffery, head of operations for the Hywel Dda Health Board area at the Welsh Ambulance Service, said: "We are committed to providing high-quality healthcare to all communities across Wales. While we are really pleased to have exceeded the ambulance response time target for the seventh month in a row across Wales, we are disappointed that we fell short of the eight-minute target for the most serious calls in Powys. We're working closely with our teams to get underneath the reasons for the challenges in Powys, recognising that it's a rural county where travelling distances can be significant."

## Council plans work improves

THE number of planning applications determined by Powys County Council within the required time period has risen, it has been announced.

The council says 84 per cent of planning applications were determined within the time period required in the last three months of 2015/2016, compared to 43 per cent in the first three months of the same financial year.

This has been achieved at the same time as keeping the planning application approval rate above 90 per cent during 2015/16, figures released by the council's Development Management Team have revealed.

The percentage of appeals dismissed by the council also rose from 65 per cent in 2014/2015 to 73 per cent in 2015/16. Performance figures over 66 per cent in this area is considered by the Welsh Government to be good.

The team has introduced an online customer survey to get valuable feedback and to look at ways to improve the service. Cllr Avril York, Cabinet Member for planning said: "Planning provides an important public service that can play a key role in the regeneration of the county. I'm delighted that we have improved our performance and are now determining more applications within the required time period."

## Groups will be at Royal Welsh

A GROUP of organisations that provides health and welfare advice to young people will be at the Young People's Village during next month's Royal Welsh Show.

Powys Health and Welfare Team will be at the village the whole week the show takes place.

It will be the eighth year they have been involved at the village.

This year, the multi-agency team will include Powys County Council services such as the youth service and school nurse service. Dyfed-Powys Police, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Xenzone online counselling service and CAIS, the Young Persons' Substance Misuse Service, also make up the team. From July 17, the team will provide water, sunscreen and information about sexual health, drinking and keeping safe for the whole week the show takes place. Afternoon activities will also take place and a "chill out" tent will be available in case young people want somewhere quiet to go.

# Housebuilder helps school in its eco-project ambition



Shannon Evans and Poppy Williams pick up some environmentally friendly ideas

Report by Sue Austin

**AN Oswestry school is getting closer to its dream of owning three Eden Project style classrooms, thanks to the involvement of environmentally-friendly house builder Tesni Homes.**

Tesni Homes is donating cash and advice, as well as pledging on-going support, towards The Marches School's fundraising appeal for the transparent geo-domes, which will see the space-age structures used as science and outdoor classrooms.

To cement the relationship, staff and pupils dropped in to see Tesni's brand-new view home at Glentworth Place, Morda, which is part of a six detached home development on the site of the town's former ambulance station and has now opened to the public.

Pupils were able to showcase their plans for the exciting new additions, which are part of a wider conservation project, while finding out more about Tesni's use of eco-technology and the company's commitment to building sustainable homes, with state-of-the-art features, that not only help the homes to power, light and even 'breathe' for themselves, but also reduce energy bills for residents.

James Hennie, managing director of Tesni Homes said: "We are delighted, not only to have chosen Oswestry as the location for the development of our first sustainable homes, but to be engaging with the local community in this way."

For more information on the view home, Oak House, and for details about the wider new development at Morda people can visit the company's website at [www.tesnihomes.co.uk](http://www.tesnihomes.co.uk)



The Marches School pupils with James Hennie, managing director of Tesni Homes



The students at the new housing development



Niall Dennehy and Lucy Arrowsmith take a look at Tesni Homes' eco work





Mark Jones from One of a Kind performed at the event



Beckki Fardoe, Mayor Paul Milner and Penny Jones helped to raise funds for charity



Youngsters loved the football festival held as part of the fun day

# Fun day success

Report by Naomi Penrose

**ORGANISERS** have said a recent family fun day and football festival organised by Oswestry's North Shropshire College was a huge success.

This year's event was held in partnership with the Shropshire FA and raised money for the Severn Hospice charity.

As well as the football tournament, there were many craft stalls trading.

The college's specialist departments attended to allow people to meet and experience exotic creatures from the college's Walford Campus and show off the spoon bracelets and coin rings produced by engineering students at the college's Aspire Campus.

The event raised £525 for the hospice in memory of former lecturer, Geoff Farr.

Thanks have been passed to all who donated raffle and tombola prizes.

TNS Community Engagement, Bridie Lloyd from Phenzyne Fencing and Oswestry Tennis Club attended, giving everyone the opportunity to experience a new sport during the event.

The football tournament was won by the Under 8 team Randley Colts and the Under 10 team NC United.

Both teams were awarded a trophy and a £250 football kit voucher by the Mayor of Oswestry, Paul Milner.

College assistant principal Sara Shelston said: "Now a well-established family fun day at the Oswestry Campus, we had a fantastic day in the glorious sunshine – live music, fantastic football playing, stalls and food."

"A huge thanks to Mick Murphy at Shropshire FA and all of his crew and everyone who contributed to its success this year."



A host of different sports were exhibited during the event. Photos: Jamie Ricketts.



The community event in Oswestry was blessed with good weather



Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner congratulates NC United on their win



Jade Manley-Ward visited the family fun day



Mayor Paul Milner and Jamie Howe holding corn snakes



# A rare sight in the woods

IF go down to the woods today, you're possibly in for a big surprise.

The 'possibly' in that remark depends on a hefty dollop of luck, timing and a very, very keen eye. It also depends on the 'woods' that you're in and the area of Shropshire in which you find yourself. There, hardly a restriction or caveat in place!

I was recently giving a talk just outside Ludlow and was approached by a lovely man called Dave Pearce. Dave was the first person to capture photographic evidence of a pine marten in Shropshire for a century and did so in the south of the county almost a year ago – what a scoop! Since then they have turned up on Shropshire Wildlife Trust remote cameras and although the population isn't exactly thriving, it does at least look like there are several animals in the county.

It's believed that pine martens arrived in Britain in around 10,500 BCE, at the end of the last glacial period. They thrive (or 'should' thrive) in woodland habitats, for around 6,500 years ago they were the second most common carnivore in Britain and Ireland. And yet as is often the way with predatory animals, gamekeepers had a devastating impact on the species. By the end of the 1800s and with the added pressures from fur traders and habitat fragmentation, this fascinating and enigmatic creature was on the verge of extinction in the UK.

Only a few isolated pockets survived in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland and these have since been allowed to increase with the highlands now their stronghold. Yet with a territorial range of up to 25 square kilometres and young males travelling up to 20km a day in search of new habi-

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tat for themselves, it is likely that instead of a secretive handful of individuals hanging on unnoticed for 100 years. Dave's animal was a migrant from across the border.

So are they here to stay and if so, what shall we make of this 'new' predator? The landscape has changed a lot since martens were common yet old patches and pockets of their original habitat do remain and our county is, on paper, one of the most attractive in this respect. There's no need to fear the animal for it is a shy and retiring animal, mainly nocturnal and although it certainly has the capacity to take the odd hen's or pheasant's egg here and there, their numbers are sadly not likely to rocket up in the near future.

Pine martens can also be a huge help to other species struggling to survive. Ironically one of their favourite prey are squirrels. With the loss of their traditional quarry of red squirrels, the greys have exploded and would now offer a great resource to the martens. This has been clearly demonstrated in Northern Ireland where martens are on the rise, grey squirrels are reducing in number and reds, increasing.

It's never a simple matter of introducing an animal into a landscape where it has been absent in the recent past. But when that species truly belongs there and has been persecuted by our own kind, surely, if it can be done responsibly and humanely, we have a moral duty to act for the pine marten and others like it?

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Pine marten study – oil on board – by Ben Waddams

# Onshore wind farms 'defunct' says MP Davies

WIND power is now "defunct" in the UK with not enough wind to make them viable, it has been claimed.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies said that onshore wind power is not suitable for the country.

His comments came in response to the industry's trade body admitting that England is not windy enough to sustain any more onshore wind turbines.

Hugh McNeal, the head of RenewableUK, said that while there was a case for more onshore wind farms to be built elsewhere, wind speeds in England meant new plants were economically unviable without a subsidy.

Mr McNeal said new wind farms in England would not be able to compete with the price of power produced from gas. Some gas plants are eligible for government subsidies. He said: "We are almost certainly not talking about the possibility of new (onshore) plants in England. The project economics wouldn't work; the wind speeds don't allow for it. If plants can be built in places where people don't object to them and if, as a result of that, over their whole lifetime the net impact on consumers against the alternatives is beneficial, I need to persuade people we should be doing that."

But Mr Davies, who has opposed wind farm projects in Mid Wales over fears the impact they would have on the countryside, said: "I've always argued that is not windy enough to sustain wind farms in England, Wales or indeed the whole of Great Britain. Wind energy has been heavily subsidised and that has now stopped. Wind farms are just not viable. However, the wind lobby is not giving up and appears to want to attain subsidies and some sort of payment through another route because onshore wind is less expensive than gas. But this doesn't take into account the impact on the landscape and the fact that there is no alternative energy produced when the wind isn't blowing."

"There are also horrendous costs involved in the infrastructure. Wind power represents a poor investment for energy delivery in Britain – it is defunct and long may it stay in the doldrums."

Mr Davies said there is enough gas available to meet Britain's energy needs for the next 30 years.

"We need to move the gas industry forward so that we can move off coal and reduce carbon emissions," he said.

"According to all the projections I see, gas is crucial if we don't want our lights to go out."

His opposition to wind technology is shared by former Environment Secretary Owen Paterson, North Shropshire MP, who has called onshore wind "a failed medieval technology".



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**MOTD: Euro 2016 Live**  
**7.30pm**  
 Portugal v Austria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the second Group F encounter for both teams, which comes from Parc des Princes in Paris. Dominant qualifying campaigns for these two sides meant they went into the tournament as the favourites to progress from this group.



**Gardeners' World**  
**5.50pm**  
 Monty Don makes the most of his time in the garden as the longest day of the year approaches, giving advice on which vegetables will respond well to late sowing. Carol Klein and Joe Swift visit Gardeners' World Live in Birmingham to revel in the hundreds of summer flowering plants on display.



**Euro 2016**  
**1pm**  
 Belgium v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 2.00pm). The weekend's fixtures get under way with this Group E clash at the Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux, as both teams play their second match of the campaign. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Sam Matterface and Andy Townsend.



**Gogglesprogs**  
**7pm**  
 Following on from a pilot edition shown last Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which they maintain a close eye on a range of TV output. In this opening programme, the youngsters offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mia!



**NCIS: Los Angeles**  
**7.10pm**  
 The team is called in to investigate the murder of an engineer working on highly sensitive submarine technology, but find the crime scene clean of evidence. Forensic scientist Abby Scuito travels from the NCIS office in Washington, DC to help out as the case. Guest starring Pauley Perrette.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b> A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features. Including NewsWatch at 7.45.
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Angela Hartnett presents the culinary show, with help from chef Cyrus Todiwala, and UK's Best Part-Time Band presenter Rhod Gilbert faces food heaven or hell.
11.30	<b>Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites.</b> The veteran cook shares a selection of her recipes, and begins by drawing inspiration from childhood trips to the sea, preparing snacks ideal for a picnic. (R)
12.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
12.10	<b>Athletics: Diamond League Stockholm Highlights.</b> The Stockholm BAUHAUS Athletics. Action from the eighth meeting of the Diamond League series, held at the Olympic Stadium in Stockholm, Sweden.
1.00	<b>Tennis: Queen's.</b> The Aegon Championships. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the semi-finals on the sixth day at the Queen's Club in London.
4.30	<b>MOTD: Euro 2016 Live.</b> Iceland v Hungary (Kick-off 5.00pm). Mark Chapman presents all the action from both teams' second Group F fixture, which comes from Stade Velodrome in Marseille. With commentary by Steve Wilson and Robbie Savage, and analysis by John Hartson.
7.00	<b>BBC News.</b>
7.20	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
7.30	<b>MOTD: Euro 2016 Live.</b> Portugal v Austria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the second Group F encounter for both teams, which comes from Parc des Princes in Paris. With commentary by Guy Mowbray and Martin Keown, and analysis by Rio Ferdinand and Alan Shearer.
10.05	<b>The National Lottery Draw.</b> Veteran pop star Rick Astley performs live in the studio, and pushes the Lotto button to reveal the all-important Lotto and Thunderball numbers.
10.15	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
10.35	<b>Mrs Brown's Boys.</b> Agnes tries to solve son Dermot's relationship problems by giving his girlfriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry; (R) <b>National Lottery Update.</b>
11.05	<b>Thierry Henry: My France, My Euros.</b> The former France striker and Arsenal's all-time leading scorer looks at European Championship stories, assessing the social and cultural impact football has across the continent. (R)
12.05	<b>FILM: The Hunted (2003).</b> A traumatised special forces soldier regresses to a feral existence, killing civilians and forcing his mentor to track him down. Thriller, with Tommy Lee Jones, Benicio Del Toro, Connie Nielsen, Mark Pellegrino, Leslie Stefanson and John Finn.
1.35	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
1.40	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.05	<b>Coast.</b> (R)
6.50	<b>FILM: Without Reservations (1946).</b> Comedy romance, starring John Wayne.
8.35	<b>FILM: Lucky Jim (1957).</b> Comedy, starring Ian Carmichael.
10.10	<b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Properties in Stoke-on-Trent, west London and North Yorkshire. (R)
11.10	<b>Natural World - Elephants without Borders.</b> The plan to cull Botswana's elephant population. (R)
12.00	<b>Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes.</b> The chef demonstrates how to make classic British food even better. (R)
12.30	<b>A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt.</b> The Hairy Biker visits north Africa. (R)
1.30	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> A pair of nurses takes on a duo of paramedics in Derby. (R)
2.30	<b>Escape to the Continent.</b> A couple consider moving to northern Spain's Asturias region. (R)
3.30	<b>The Great British Sewing Bee.</b> The contestants tackle three 1960s-themed challenges. (R)
4.30	<b>Flog It!</b> From Hereford Cathedral. (R)
5.10	<b>This Week's World.</b> Current affairs magazine show.
5.50	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Monty Don gives his tips on late-sown vegetables. (R)
6.20	<b>Nature's Perfect Partners: Natural World.</b> Bill Bailey narrates this exploration of the most extraordinary partnerships in nature, from hippos and their exfoliating fish friends to ravens helped by wolverines at dinner. (R)
7.20	<b>The Liver Birds.</b> Beryl loses her engagement ring while making Sandra a trifle, resulting in a mad rush to the hospital. Guest starring John Nettles and Geoffrey Palmer. (R)
7.50	<b>Comedy Connections.</b> The story behind The Liver Birds, the influential sitcom charting the lives and loves of two single women sharing a flat in Liverpool. (R)
8.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> Jonesy's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)
9.00	<b>The New Tate Modern: Switched On.</b> Andrew Marr and Brenda Emmanus attend the grand opening of the Tate Modern's new Switch facility, and shed light how director Frances Morris's plans to use the new space.
10.00	<b>UK's Best Part-Time Band Final.</b> The celebrity mentors and their acts progress through to the final, where they must play an original tune and a cover song to win the contest. Last in the series.
11.00	<b>Versailles.</b> A dissident duke tries to pressure Louis XIV to return the royal court to Paris. Meanwhile, a rich African prince suffers a curiously restrained reception; (R) <b>Inside Versailles.</b> Following the latest instalment of Versailles, Professor Kate Williams and Greg Jenner examine the tension between Louis XIV and his nobility. (R)
12.05	<b>MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay.</b>
1.45	<b>FILM: Silent Souls (2010).</b> Drama, starring Igor Sergeev.
3.00	<b>This is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITY: The Aquabats!</b> Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan 6.30 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Nerds & Monsters 7.45 Looped 8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
8.30	<b>Weekend.</b> With guests Warwick Davis, Adam Henson and Turin Brakes.
9.25	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> The sheriff of Cabot Cove arrests an ambassador's son who is later found dead - and Jessica is left to prove her friend has not taken to killing suspects. (R)
10.30	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> A fan assumes Jessica's identity to investigate goings-on at a dog show. Angela Lansbury stars. (R)
11.35	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
11.50	<b>The Wine Show.</b> Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys offer tips on avoiding a hangover, chef Peter Gordon cooks a dish to accompany New Zealand wine, and Joe Fattorini goes to Shanghai. Previously seen on ITV4.
1.00	<b>Euro 2016.</b> Belgium v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 2.00pm). The weekend's fixtures get under way with this Group E clash at the Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux.
4.30	<b>Big Box Little Box.</b> Consumer show, narrated by Tom Baker. (R)
5.00	<b>The Chase.</b> Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
6.00	<b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather.
6.15	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
6.30	<b>New You've Been Framed!</b> Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a possessed toddler and a driver chasing a runaway car.
7.00	<b>Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special.</b> Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford, Brian McFadden and Vogue Williams, and Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer "say what they see" in a special edition of the game show. (R)
8.00	<b>Endeavour.</b> Shaun Evans returns as the young Inspector Morse in the first of four feature-length episodes. A baffling suicide throws Morse in at the deep end as he returns to work. (R)
10.00	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
10.15	<b>Euro 2016 Highlights.</b> Action from the latest three matches in France, featuring Belgium v Republic of Ireland in Bordeaux, Iceland v Hungary in Marseille and Portugal v Austria in Paris.
11.15	<b>FILM: Carry On Camping (1969).</b> Two men hatch a plan to lure their unsuspecting girlfriends to a nudist camp and introduce them to a life of wild abandon. Bawdy comedy, starring Sid James and Bernard Bresslaw.
12.55	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>Murder, She Wrote.</b> Jessica is alarmed to learn a friend's son has been arrested for murdering the local bully in a close-knit community, and sets out to get him off the hook. (R)
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b> Text-based information service.

Channel 4	
6.05	<b>Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship.</b> The WEC 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps.
6.35	<b>Motor Sport: British GT.</b> Action from Silverstone.
7.00	<b>Bloodwise Blenheim Palace Triathlon.</b> Action from the event in Oxfordshire.
8.00	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Part two of two. Ray proposes to Debra for a second time. (R)
8.30	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Ray has to stay with his parents. (R)
9.00	<b>Royal Ascot: The Morning Line.</b> Previewing the fifth and final day of the event.
9.55	<b>Frasier.</b> The shrink struggles to reach a new audience. (R)
10.25	<b>Frasier.</b> Roz goes to a family reunion. (R)
10.55	<b>F1: Grand Prix of Europe Practice 3 Live.</b> The eighth round of the season continues.
12.05	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Sheldon applies for a one-way mission to colonise Mars. (R)
12.30	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Leonard is upset when a magazine fails to mention him in an article. (R)
1.00	<b>F1 GP of Europe Qualifying Live.</b> Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 2.00pm).
3.20	<b>Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing.</b> Clare Balding and Nick Luck present continued live coverage of the fifth and final day.
6.00	<b>A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.</b> Scarlett Douglas comes to the aid of Brighton-based couple Neil Masey and Afy Wajid, who hope to pick up a property on Ibiza in which they can entertain their friends.
6.45	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Gogglesprogs.</b> Young TV viewers offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on The Undateables, Donald Trump and Mamma Mia! (R)
8.00	<b>FILM: Independence Day (1996).</b> The US president leads the fight against a force of seemingly indestructible aliens intent on conquering Earth. Sci-fi adventure, with Will Smith, Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum.
10.50	<b>FILM: I, Frankenstein (2014).</b> Premiere. The scientist's monster is caught up in a war between supernatural beings who want the secret of his immortality. Fantasy adventure, with Aaron Eckhart and Bill Nighy.
12.35	<b>Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.</b> An Italian restaurant in Florida receives help. (R)
1.30	<b>Royal Ascot Highlights.</b> Action from the final afternoon of the five-day festival.
1.55	<b>Hollyoaks.</b> Omnibus. Ellie pushes Freddie away. (R)
4.00	<b>Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.</b> (R)
4.20	<b>Jimmy's Australian Food Adventure.</b> Jimmy Doherty explores Australian cuisine. (R)
5.15	<b>Posh Pawnbrokers.</b> London Road Pawnbrokers boss Dan takes a test flight in a plane. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!</b> Peppa Pig 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.40 Wanda and the Alien 6.50 Pets 6.55 Noddy in Toyland 7.10 Paw Patrol 7.25 Little Princess 7.35 Pip Ahoy! 7.50 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.15 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.30 Shimmer and Shine
8.55	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> Donnie finds himself losing his intelligence. (R)
9.30	<b>The Saturday Show Live.</b> Topical show looking at the week's headlines.
11.35	<b>Funnest Fails, Fails &amp; Flops.</b> Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. Last in the series.
12.05	<b>FILM: Star Trek: First Contact (1996).</b> Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart.
2.10	<b>FILM: Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973).</b> Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey.
3.35	<b>FILM: Columbo: Double Shock (1973).</b> Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau.
5.10	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Three High Court enforcement officers face their biggest eviction. (R)
6.10	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a bedroom, and immediately call for police back-up. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town football club to recover a debt. (R)
7.10	<b>NCIS: Los Angeles.</b> Abby Scuito from the NCIS office in Washington, DC, heads to LA to help the team investigate a murder that may be the work of a serial killer she has been tracking. (R)
8.00	<b>NCIS.</b> The agents investigate a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while researching a marine's death, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. (R)
8.55	<b>NCIS.</b> A thief's body is found in a US Marine's home, leading the team to join forces with the Department of Defence to hunt down a terrorist group.
9.50	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
10.00	<b>Big Brother.</b> Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (R)
11.05	<b>Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies.</b> The Office co-creator's critically acclaimed 2011 stand-up comedy show, based on his experiences of the rocky road to finding love. (R)
12.00	<b>SuperCasino.</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10	<b>Big Brother.</b> Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (R)
4.00	<b>To B&amp;B the Best.</b> People turning their homes into B&Bs. (R)
4.50	<b>Divine Designs.</b> Wall paintings in Oxford and Norfolk. (R)
5.15	<b>House Doctor.</b> A cottage with too many personal touches. (R)
5.45	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> The children grow tomato plants. (R)
5.50	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> Murali gets ill. (R)





**MOTD: Euro 2016 Live**  
**7.30pm**  
 Switzerland v France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the third and final match of Group A for both teams. These nations also faced each other in the final match of the group stage at Euro 2004 in Portugal, and on that occasion it was the French who emerged triumphant.



**Top Gear**  
**8pm**  
 Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Sabine Schmitz each buy a cheap second-hand car and drive to Venice to prove that travel by road can be just as luxurious as taking the train. Rory Reid takes a look at the all-electric Tesla model X and Chris Harris gets behind the wheel of the most powerful car made by Aston Martin.



**Vera**  
**8.30pm**  
 When the remains of a teenager are found half-buried in a wood, Vera finds herself investigating a 30-year-old mystery. Identified as Carrie Telling, a girl who disappeared during the 1984 miners' strike, the team retrieves news footage from the protests that shows her taking pictures in the background.



**Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service**  
**8pm**  
 The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland. She discovers the daily routine of the household staff during a royal visit, and flicks through a scrapbook of mementos dating back to 1925.



**The Shaggy Dog**  
**5.15pm**  
 A hard-working attorney's hatred of animals is challenged when an age-old curse gradually turns him into a sheepdog. The transformation does nothing for his table manners or his opinion of cats, but he does at least get a new perspective on his neglected family. Canine comedy remake, starring Tim Allen.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
9.00	<b>The Andrew Marr Show.</b>
10.00	<b>Sunday Morning Live.</b> New series. Naga Munchetty presents the topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with Tommy Sandhu seeking contributions from viewers.
11.00	<b>Sunday Politics West Midlands.</b> The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> Caroline Hawley and David Harper visit Malvern, Worcestershire, to help two teams search for potentially profitable items. (R)
1.00	<b>BBC News; Weather.</b>
1.15	<b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a terraced house in Burnley, Lancashire, a bungalow in Paddock Wood, Kent and a semi-detached house in Chaddesden, Derbyshire. (R)
2.00	<b>Flog It!</b> Claire Rawle and James Lewis visit Coventry's Transport Museum in search of more potentially valuable items, while Paul Martin explores the city's architecture. (R)
2.45	<b>Escape to the Country.</b> Jonnie Irwin heads to the north Devon coast to help a couple find a property within their budget of £1.2million. The presenter also tries a shift as an RNLI lifeguard. (R)
3.30	<b>Lifeline.</b> Alison Steadman presents an appeal on behalf of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.
3.40	<b>Songs of Praise.</b> David Grant meets inspirational fathers.
4.15	<b>Koko: The Gorilla Who Talks to People.</b> Documentary exploring the story of the only "talking" gorilla in the world, Koko, and her lifelong relationship with animal psychologist Penny Patterson. (R)
5.15	<b>BBC News.</b>
5.35	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
5.45	<b>Countryfile.</b> The team explores the East Midlands, with Matt Baker travelling down the river Trent in a kayak and Helen Skelton becoming an apprentice at a traditional windmill in Rutland.
6.45	<b>Question Time EU Special: The Case for Remain.</b> Prime minister David Cameron answers questions on the case to remain in the EU to a live audience in Milton Keynes, ahead of the referendum on Thursday, June 23.
7.30	<b>MOTD: Euro 2016 Live.</b> Switzerland v France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the third and final match of Group A for both teams, which takes place at Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille.
10.05	<b>BBC News.</b>
10.25	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
10.35	<b>Room 101 - Extra Storage.</b> Frank Skinner welcomes Pointless co-host Richard Osman, broadcaster Joan Bakewell and comedienne Roisin Conaty to discuss their pet hates. (R)
11.15	<b>FILM: Moonlight Mile (2002).</b> A man in mourning for his fiancée moves in with her parents, but goes through more turmoil when he starts to fall for another woman. Drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Ellen Pompeo.
1.05	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
1.10	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.30	<b>Great British Garden Revival.</b> Scented gardens and tulips. (R)
7.30	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Monty Don gives his tips on late-sown vegetables. (R)
8.00	<b>Countryfile.</b> Charlotte Smith and Anita Rani look at the resurgence of British flowers. (R)
9.00	<b>The Beechgrove Garden.</b> Jim McCall sorts out the raspberries.
9.30	<b>Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.</b> James Martin presents highlights of the series.
11.00	<b>Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes.</b> The chef puts his own twist on takeaway food. (R)
11.30	<b>A Cook Abroad: Tony Singh's India.</b> The chef travels to the state of Punjab. (R)
12.30	<b>FILM: The Seven Little Foys (1955).</b> Vaudeville biopic, with Bob Hope.
2.00	<b>Tennis: Queen's.</b> The Aegon Championships final.
5.30	<b>Rowing World Cup: Poland.</b> Action from Lake Malta in Poznan.
6.30	<b>Flog It!</b> The team travels to Ashridge House, Hertfordshire, where Claire Rawle gives her expert opinion on a Victorian pocket watch and Thomas Plant looks at an Anglo-Indian chessboard. (R)
7.00	<b>Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure.</b> Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain come to the end of their Pan-American journey, travelling through the Costa Rican mountains to their final destination in Panama. Last in the series. (R)
8.00	<b>Top Gear.</b> Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Sabine Schmitz each buy a second-hand car and drive to Venice. Professor Brian Cox and Bear Grylls are this week's Stars in a Rally Cross Car.
9.00	<b>City in the Sky.</b> Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground, meeting air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport. Last in the series.
10.00	<b>Mock the Week.</b> Guests James Acaster, Dane Baptiste, Rob Beckett, Ed Byrne and Holly Walsh join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
10.35	<b>Stupid Man, Smart Phone.</b> Olympic athlete Jenny Jones joins Russell Kane on a Costa Rican island that is teeming with deadly snakes and scorpions and scorched by baking temperature. Last in the series.
11.25	<b>Flat TV.</b> Tom looks after Aoife's mischievous nephew in a bid to impress his new neighbour, while Naz decides to become a monk. Last in the series.
11.45	<b>The Millionaires' Holiday Club.</b> Part two of two. A glimpse inside the world of high-end holidays, following Richard as he makes plans to propose to his long-time partner Martyn in a suitably idyllic location. (R)
12.45	<b>MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay.</b> Switzerland v France.
2.25	<b>Sign Zone: Countryfile.</b> (R)
3.25	<b>Sign Zone: Holby City.</b> (R)
4.25	<b>This Is BBC2.</b>
5.45	<b>Flog It! Trade Secrets.</b> (R)

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!</b>
6.20	<b>Pat &amp; Stan</b>
6.30	<b>Dino Dan</b>
6.45	<b>Signed Stories: Share a Story</b>
7.00	<b>Sooty</b>
7.15	<b>Super 4</b>
7.30	<b>Nerds &amp; Monsters</b>
7.45	<b>The Tom &amp; Jerry Show</b>
8.00	<b>Teen Titans Go!</b>
8.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
8.30	<b>Weekend.</b> With guest Rhod Gilbert.
9.25	<b>Griff's Great Britain.</b> Griff Rhys Jones explores the Cotswolds. (R)
10.00	<b>Peston on Sunday.</b> Political magazine.
11.00	<b>Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant.</b> A journey along the Aire and Calder Navigation. (R)
11.30	<b>Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis.</b> The actor takes his family to Norfolk. (R)
12.00	<b>Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh.</b> Teams compete to find the rarest and most valuable items in a stately home. (R)
1.00	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
1.15	<b>Catchphrase.</b> Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
1.59	<b>ITV Central Weather.</b>
2.00	<b>Planet's Got Talent.</b> An Indian contestant gets run over by a steamroller. (R)
2.30	<b>FILM: Evan Almighty (2007).</b> Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell.
4.30	<b>Midsomer Murders.</b> An astronomer is killed during a total eclipse of the sun. (R)
6.25	<b>ITV News Central; Weather.</b>
6.40	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
7.00	<b>Emmerdale.</b> Belle angrily confronts Lachlan, who confesses his love for her. She is forced to tell Lisa the truth about her relationship with Dr Bailey before she is arrested for the break-in.
7.30	<b>Coronation Street.</b> Lee informs Billy he is holding Sarah hostage and will release her in return for £1,000, while Alex offers to drive Gemma to the cemetery to visit Callum's grave.
8.30	<b>Vera.</b> The detective investigates the death of a teenager who disappeared during the 1984 miners' strike, when her remains are discovered 30 years later. (R)
10.30	<b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>
10.45	<b>Euro 2016 Highlights.</b> Action from the latest two matches in France, featuring Switzerland v France at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille and Romania v Albania at the Stade de Lyon.
11.45	<b>Peston on Sunday.</b> Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)
12.35	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>MotorSport UK.</b> Action from Thruxton.
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b> Text-based information service.
5.05	<b>The Jeremy Kyle Show.</b> The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4	
6.10	<b>Salvage SOS.</b> The team removes a teletrade machine from an office in Roanoke, Virginia.
6.35	<b>Salvage SOS.</b> Various items are rescued from a former navy ship, the USS Zumwalt/USCGC Tamaroa.
7.00	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Debra bans Frank from driving the kids anywhere. (R)
7.25	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Debra hires a babysitter. (R)
7.55	<b>IPC Athletics European Championships 2016.</b> Highlights of the event staged in Grosseto, Italy.
9.00	<b>Sunday Brunch.</b> Lethal Bizzle chats about his new album.
12.00	<b>George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.</b> A farmer turning an old fire truck into a mobile shop. (R)
1.00	<b>Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Live.</b> Coverage of eighth round of the season (Start-time 2.00pm).
4.30	<b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Revisiting two couples who wanted family homes for life. (R)
5.30	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> Scarlett Douglas helps a retired woman find a holiday home on the Costa Blanca.
6.30	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Escape to the Chateau.</b> Dick and Angel only have a few weeks to prepare for their wedding, but the chateau is nowhere near ready to receive the 200 guests they have invited. Last in the series.
8.00	<b>Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service.</b> The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland, and discovers the role the monarch played in uniting two communities in Enniskillen.
9.00	<b>FILM: August: Osage County (2013).</b> Premiere. Tensions reach boiling point between three estranged sisters and their overbearing, malicious mother after a family funeral. Drama, with Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts.
11.25	<b>Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Highlights.</b> Steve Jones presents action from the eighth round of the season, which took place at the Baku City Circuit in Azerbaijan.
12.30	<b>FILM: Intruders (2011).</b> Two parents in different countries search for the truth behind a mysterious ghostly figure that is haunting their children. Horror, starring Clive Owen and Pilar Lopez de Ayala.
2.20	<b>Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London.</b> Hugh Hunt examines how the Nazis built the largest cannon in history during the Second World War, and puts to the test the theory that it could have destroyed London entirely. (R)
3.15	<b>The Restoration Man.</b> An update on a Victorian gate lodge project in Surrey. (R)
4.10	<b>Jimmy's Australian Food Adventure.</b> Jimmy forages for wild plants at Uluru. (R)
5.05	<b>Posh Pawnbrokers.</b> Dan considers deals on luxury luggage and a sapphire ring. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!</b> Peppa Pig
6.05	<b>Toby's Travelling Circus</b>
6.15	<b>Angela's Ballerina</b>
6.30	<b>Bob the Builder</b>
6.40	<b>Wanda and the Alien</b>
6.50	<b>Zack and Quack</b>
7.05	<b>Pets</b>
7.10	<b>Noddy in Toyland</b>
7.20	<b>Paw Patrol</b>
7.35	<b>Little Princess</b>
7.50	<b>Pip Ahoy!</b>
8.05	<b>Blaze and the Monster Machines</b>
8.30	<b>Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b>
8.45	<b>Shimmer and Shine</b>
9.15	<b>Jelly Jamm</b>
9.30	<b>LazyTown</b>
9.55	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> Splinter battles his daughter Karai to save his students from mortal peril. (R)
10.30	<b>Access.</b> Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
10.40	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> A dog that has a serious issue with a Christmas tree. (R)
11.40	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> A bodybuilder recites Shakespeare while lifting weights. (R)
12.40	<b>FILM: Tinker Bell (2008).</b> Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman.
2.10	<b>FILM: A Zebra's Tale (2013).</b> Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jake T. Austin.
3.45	<b>FILM: Open Season 2 (2008).</b> Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale.
5.15	<b>FILM: The Shaggy Dog (2006).</b> Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen.
7.00	<b>The Secret Life of Kittens.</b> Part one of two. Documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience during this period shape their personalities. (R)
8.00	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> Featuring the wonders of virtual reality, some outrageous employees of the month, and a guide to dating.
8.55	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
9.00	<b>Big Brother.</b> Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chit. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00	<b>The Best of Bad TV.</b> The series charting TV gaffes continues with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats. (R)
11.20	<b>20 Moments That Rocked the 00s.</b> Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade, featuring a look at world-changing news stories and entertainment headlines. (R)
12.45	<b>Lip Sync Battle: Will Arnett v Alison Brie.</b> The Lego Movie co-stars go head to head. (R)
1.10	<b>SuperCasino.</b> Live interactive gaming.
3.10	<b>The Yorkshire Vet.</b> The Skeldale vets tend to an over-ambitious donkey and a wounded cow. Last in the series. (R)
4.00	<b>Now That's Funny!</b> Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
4.50	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
5.20	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> (R)
5.45	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> (R)
5.50	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> (R)





Nadine Woods, Shannara Greer and Tanya Eccles



Equine students enjoyed their time at Aintree during the Grand National



The college welcomed visitors from Finland

# Busy time at college



Aimee Knott outside the college's Oswestry Campus



IT student Gareth Gavin, maths lecturer Wayne Young and IT student Daniel Sayers



Staff took part in Football Shirt Friday



Joseph Greybrook, Dan Stevens and Jackson Pearce



Ben Francis, an Access to HE student

**IT has been a hive of activity at North Shropshire College in Oswestry in recent weeks with students and staff involved in a whole host of projects, initiatives and studies.**

Two IT students are part of the nationwide CAE Student Digital Champions programme. Daniel Sayers and Gareth Gavin were asked to evaluate a new teaching application called 'Pickers' to see how useful it could be for lecturers at the college. Daniel and Gareth approached Maths lecturer, Wayne Young, to present their findings. The result was a flurry of ideas and ways in which the application could be put to work in a college-wide program of activities.

Access to Higher Education students, including Nadine Woods, Shannara Greer and Tanya Eccles helped plan a health promotion event at the college.

## Report by Naomi Penrose

Staff and students took part in Football Shirt Friday to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund of Cancer Research UK.

Football Shirt Friday started in 2012 and has raised many thousands of pounds for the Bobby Moore Fund and this year was the first time it has been held at the college.

Sports lecturer Mike Smith, who planned the day, said: "I saw the Bobby Moore Fund and Football Shirt Friday on Twitter and thought it is a worthy cause to raise money for, as everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer."

"Everybody has enthusiastically embraced the spirit of the day; it was interesting to see the variety of teams the staff support."

Two pupils from the Marches School in Oswestry completed a work experience placement with the college's sports department.

Joseph Greybrook and Jackson Pearce performed numerous tasks throughout the week

with enthusiasm and efficiency, college bosses said. Joe and Jack ran the college's 'Row the River Severn' event, recording how far students had travelled on the rowing machines, took part in lessons and captured video footage of leadership sessions amongst a number of other activities. Dan Stevens, head of the sports department, said: "The lads were a pleasure to welcome into college for the week."

"They took on all tasks keenly and assisted us as a department in a strong way throughout the week. I was especially delighted with the way they adapted to a number of different tasks that they were given throughout their time with us and they would be more than welcome to return in the future and we look forward to seeing them further down the line."

On the Grand National Festival weekend, five equine students from North Shropshire College's Walford Campus and equine lecturer, Rebecca Pritchard, went to Aintree to be part of the wash down team. The team were responsible for rapidly cooling the horses following

the races as they can become very poorly from heat stress should they not be cooled off very quickly.

Aintree is the only racecourse in the country which employs this technique of aggressive cooling in response to the concerns of the 10 million strong viewing public. Since its introduction five years ago, no horses have been lost due to heat exhaustion during the three day festival.

The enterprise and development department of North Shropshire College recently hosted a group of visitors from Finland. The visitors were four staff members from Seinajoen Kouluskuntayhtymä, a vocational centre in Seinäjoki.

Meanwhile the college is reminding people it has many Access to HE courses available for mature learners.

Pathways available include health, science, humanities and land-based studies. To do these courses, learners may have to use an Advanced Learner Loan of £3000. The loan is

written off when the learner completes a university degree course. Ben Francis, an Access to HE student, has used an Advanced Learner Loan for his studies at the college.

Ben said: "I applied for the loan online, it was very straight forward and I haven't had to worry about it since."

He added: "Without the loan I probably wouldn't have been able to follow my long-term career plan."

Meanwhile the college has put out a reminder that from September, beauty professionals wanting to provide IPL (Intense Pulsed Light) and laser treatments will require a Level 4 qualification.

North Shropshire College will be one of the first FE colleges in the Shropshire area to deliver the Advanced Beauty Therapy course where students will learn practical skills such as how to provide laser and IPL treatments for skin rejuvenation and hair removal.

The course leader, Aimee Knott, can be contacted by email at a.knott@nsc.ac.uk.



# Local Specialists

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Funeral Service will be held at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 10.45am.

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Funeral Service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Oswestry on Wednesday, June 22, at 11am, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

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# Stylish to the max

By John Griffiths

**Style, practicality and price – in whatever order – must surely be among the main criteria for the decision to make a major investment in a new car.**

A decade ago Ford combined these essentials in an all-new vehicle, the S-Max, as a sleek, stylish and even sporty-looking alternative to more traditional, boxy seven-seat MPV rivals but with no less practicality.

Now the second generation S-Max is hitting the streets: not, at first sight, a huge change with substantial improvements in areas such as refinement, comfort and technology.

The test car was a Titanium trim version powered by the 2.0 litre, 148bhp, turbo diesel. This middle of the range car costs £28,095 – it starts at £24,545 with Ford's 1.5 litre EcoBoost petrol engine while at the other end of the spectrum is a 178bhp model with 'Powershift' automatic transmission and all-wheel drive at a little over £33,000.

If the original S-Max was distinguished from the MPV competition by its dynamic looks, the new version is more of the same, with a longer, lower bonnet, Ford's new slimline headlight cluster and a more tapered rear end.

It is based on a modified Mondeo platform and shares much of the drivetrain and technology from the much-admired mid-range saloon. But the difference is size and flexibility. The S-Max has the quality feel and refinement of a premium saloon, but with two extra seats and the ability to transform itself into a cargo carrier.

It's a family car ideal for transporting the kids (and a couple of their friends) on the school run or for weekend activities, but it also has the ideal credentials for a flexible business car carrying valued clients to lunch or a hefty consignment of samples on a sales trip.

Flexibility is another buzzword in MPV land and we're used to the concept of flexible seating and the S-Max system is as good as it gets. You can slide each of the three second row seats backwards or forwards, or fold them flat, with one hand. The same is true of the rear pair of seats which form part of a flat load floor.

With seven people on board you have 285 litres of cargo space but by juggling with the seats you can increase that to 2,020 litres, putting many an estate car to shame.

The interior has an upmarket feel: in the Titanium you get heated, sports-styled front seats with an exceptional view through the big windscreen, uninterrupted by the bonnet. You get climate control, an LCD instrument panel which allows you to display a wide range of information. That's in addition to the central touch screen control, for the satnav, audio, connectivity and adjustable vehicle settings.

Traffic sign recognition (which displays, among other things, the current posted speed limit) plus cruise control and an adjustable speed limiter also help to keep you in control. Front and rear parking sensors, lane keeping assistance, multiple airbags and electronic stability systems, and front fog lamps are also on the standard list.

The test car was fitted with the optional Titanium X pack, which sounds expensive at £2,225 but is pretty comprehensive and takes the car up a grade. It includes leather seats and adaptive LED headlights including 'glare free', a system which ensures you won't dazzle oncoming drivers if you're a bit slow on the dip switch.

The upmarket feel of the cabin is matched by the ride experience. The 2.0 turbo diesel is and the car's suspension handles its weight well, with an excellent compromise between a supple, cossetting ride and reasonable dynamism.

It has inherited many of the best features of its smaller sibling, the Mondeo, when it comes to the driving experience but with the advantage of seven seats or an enormous cargo capacity when required. In short, it's a true multi-role car with the ambience of a premium saloon.

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## Sportage success continues

Only a few months after launch, the all-new Kia Sportage has been crowned with another significant accolade, Diesel Car Magazine Car of the Year. Alongside this prestigious award, Sportage was also named Best Medium sized SUV.

The all-new fourth generation Sportage bettered the competition due to its excellent specification levels, even on low grade vehicles, including Bluetooth connectivity, DAB radio and satellite navigation. This coupled with its dynamic handling and distinctive design, made

this family crossover a clear choice for the top spot.

The Sportage also impressed with its competitive prices, from only £17,995 or £139 a month, placing it as a very easy purchase decision for customers. The lead-in 1.7 CRDi 6-speed manual version starts at £19,745. Teamed with Kia's industry leading seven year warranty, the Sportage also brings significant peace of mind.

Kia's new crossover, which was introduced to the UK market in February this year, has already seen unprecedented sales success, with over 14,000 customers placing orders in just four months.

Not far behind the Sportage in Diesel Car's Top 50 cars was Kia's family hatchback the cee'd, which came in at

number 21, beating industry staples such as the Mazda 3 and Audi A3. Also claiming a top 50 place was Kia's range topping large SUV, the Sorento.

Editor and publisher of Diesel Car Ian Robertson commented on Kia's win: "The Sportage won the top spot because of its generous equipment levels, keen prices and excellent road manners, which means that the Sportage leaps from the competition to sit at the very top of the class."

Paul Philpott, president and chief executive of Kia Motors (UK) Limited said: "We are delighted and honoured to get this tremendous accolade from Diesel Car. Clearly new Sportage is a big winner with customers and Diesel Car's endorsement only reinforces the car's success."

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It is priced at £16,585 on the road – up to £1,870 less than the outgoing model.

Matt Hine, Arthurs of Oswestry sales manager, said: "It is incredible to think that more than 25 per cent of British

motorists have either owned or driven an Astra.

"So reaction to the new model will be felt across the market."

The Astra Sports Tourer is based on an all-new lightweight vehicle architecture with a new design, powertrains and technology. It is built at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port manufacturing plant – the only one to build this body style – in neighbouring Cheshire.

"The Sports Tourer has proved a popular car in the UK market, with

sales making it the third most popular estate car sold in 2015," said Matt

Hine at Arthurs Vauxhall, Lower Brook Street, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2HJ. Tel: 01691 652235.

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## Motoring



## Introducing Seat's new SUV

Following the huge success of its latest UK marketing initiative to tap into the British psyche and discover the perfect recipe for a compact SUV, Seat is now able to confirm pricing and specification for its new Ateca First Edition.

Created purely as a one-off launch trim level, exclusivity for the extremely well-specified and striking First Edition is assured, with just 200 examples destined for UK retail buyers.

Seat has taken its time with its first-ever SUV, to create what it believes is the best car of its ilk to live with everyday. So, in an effort to match Ateca to the needs of British buyers as closely as possible, it ran an online 'lifestyle configurator' on its website, to seek crowd-sourced information upon

which to base an ideal specification.

Smashing its internal forecasts and no doubt testament to the growing buzz surrounding Ateca, over the course of six weeks close to 13,000 Brits took part in the competition, which included a top prize of an all-expenses paid family trip to Barcelona, Seat's home city.

Responding to a series of seven questions about their lifestyles and character, with 192 possible outcomes, the online system then generated an Ateca version to suit their specific needs. The most popular proved to be 'Horizon Chaser'.

Translating it into a UK production car has led to the following items of standard equipment being included: 18-inch bi-colour alloy wheels, satellite-navigation system with an eight-inch touchscreen, Keyless entry (KES-

SY), electric tailgate with virtual pedal, rear parking sensors with rear view camera, dark-tinted rear windows, black roof rails and window surrounds.

Slotting into the Ateca range above SE and below the flagship XCELLENCE, the high-spec new First Edition offers more than £3,500 of additional equipment over the former, saving customers over £1,100.

The First Edition is available in two engines, 1.0 TSI 115PS and 1.6 TDI 115 PS, and is competitively priced at £21,995 and £24,305 respectively. It comes in a choice of three colours, Nevada White, Rodium Grey and Samoa Orange.

Priced from £17,990, the eagerly-awaited Ateca range will be available to pre-order from now ahead of official showroom launch on September 9.

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MAY 16	Z4 2.0i M Sport	Black Sapphire	£37,855	£31,950	£5,905	2.9% APR
MAY 16	420d xDrive M Sport Gran Coupe	Alpine White	£42,215	£37,950	£4,265	3.9% APR
MAY 16	218i Luxury Gran Tourer	Mineral White	£29,480	£25,950	£3,530	2.9% APR
MAY 16	218i Luxury Gran Tourer	Alpine White	£28,640	£25,450	£3,190	2.9% APR
MAY 16	218i Luxury Gran Tourer	Black Sapphire	£29,380	£25,950	£3,430	2.9% APR
MAY 16	Z4 sDrive20i Roadster Msport	Estoril Blue	£40,710	£33,950	£6,760	2.9% APR
MAY 16	220i M Sport Active Tourer	Black Sapphire	£31,380	£27,450	£3,930	5.9% APR
MAY 16	220d Sport Active Tourer	Atlantic Grey	£30,725	£26,950	£3,775	5.9% APR
MAY 16	218d M Sport Active Tourer	Alpine White	£30,845	£26,950	£3,895	5.9% APR
MAY 16	420i xDrive Sport Gran Coupe	Mineral Grey	£36,575	£31,950	£4,625	3.9% APR
MAY 16	435i M Sport Gran Coupe	Carbon Black	£45,520	£36,950	£8,570	3.9% APR
MAY 16	430i M Sport Gran Coupe	Mineral Grey	£39,275	£33,950	£5,325	3.9% APR
MAY 16	418d Sport Gran Coupe	Melbourne Red	£35,480	£31,750	£3,730	3.9% APR
MAY 16	418d M Sport Gran Coupe	Estoril Blue	£38,380	£32,950	£5,430	3.9% APR
MAY 16	320d Sport Gran Turismo	Mineral Grey	£37,210	£30,450	£6,760	4.9% APR
MAY 16	420i xDrive Luxury Coupe	Black Sapphire	£38,115	£32,950	£5,165	3.9% APR
MAY 16	335d xDrive M Sport Saloo	Alpine White	£39,125	£33,950	£5,175	4.9% APR
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## Oswestry & District Bowling League

Division 1				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Johnstown A	9	5	3	0-188 57
Cearig Valley A	9	7	2	0-124 57
Whittington A	9	6	3	0-167 56
Llangollen A	9	5	4	0-165 53
Chirk AAA A	9	5	4	0-142 47
Overtown A	9	5	4	0-142 47
Ruabon A	9	5	3	0-176 46
Criffins A	9	5	3	0-186 43
Johnstown B	9	3	4	2-95 42
Weston Rhyn A	9	3	5	1-200 32
Corwen A	9	2	7	0-201 31
Church A	9	2	7	0-216 29

Division 2				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Llangymynech A	9	6	2	1-211 61
Cynwyd A	9	6	3	0-194 56
Flecksys A	9	5	4	0-170 55
Llangymynech B	9	6	3	0-96 55
Whittington B	9	6	3	0-97 53
Criffins B	9	4	5	0-39 46
Yr Olde Crofte A	9	4	4	1-50 42
Llangymynech C	9	5	3	1-38 41
Church B	9	5	1	2-27 38
Whittington B	9	4	5	0-150 35
Whittington B	9	3	6	0-257 31
Berham	9	3	6	0-257 31
Criffins C	9	2	7	0-251 28

Division 3				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Plas Kynaston A	9	7	2	0-203 58
Johnstown C	9	6	3	0-131 56
George	9	6	3	0-91 55
Black Lion	9	5	4	0-138 49
Johnstown D	9	5	4	0-79 48
Chirk AAA B	9	5	3	1-21 47
Cearig Valley B	9	6	3	0-28 45
Whittington C	9	4	5	0-81 39
Llangymynech C	9	4	5	0-97 38
Fox Lane	9	2	6	1-77 37
Ellesmere A	9	2	7	0-175 34
Ruabon B	9	0	9	0-195 24

Division 4				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Cearig Valley C	9	7	1	1-238 64
Llangymynech B	9	5	3	1-312 58
Overtown B	9	5	4	0-46 51
Church C	9	5	1	1-118 49
Weston Rhyn B	9	5	4	0-31 47
Llangymynech C	9	6	3	0-58 42
Llangymynech C	9	2	3	1-45 41
Llangymynech C	9	3	6	0-97 38
Llangymynech C	9	3	6	0-109 38
Johnstown E	9	2	6	1-131 37
Plas Kynaston B	9	2	4	1-233 33
Llangymynech C	9	2	6	1-188 32

Division 5				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Ifon	6	6	0	0-259 48
Weston Rhyn B	7	6	1	0-35 40
Llangymynech D	7	6	1	0-31 39
Church D	7	4	2	1-10 37
Criffins D	7	6	3	0-19 32
Whittington C	7	2	4	1-42 32
Chirk AAA C	7	3	4	0-171 29
Corwen B	7	4	3	0-112 29
Yr Olde Crofte B	7	2	5	0-66 27
Whittington D	7	0	7	0-244 18

Division 6				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Pentre Broughton	7	6	1	0-488 62
Criffins E	7	7	0	0-273 53
Llangymynech C	7	5	2	0-195 46
Cynwyd B	7	5	2	0-171 45
Llangymynech C	7	5	2	0-142 35
Ponciau Park	7	4	3	0-102 31
Church E	7	2	5	0-102 27
Llangymynech E	7	1	6	0-152 24
Weston Rhyn C	7	0	7	0-214 18
Llangymynech C	6	1	5	0-273 16

Division 7 (Veterans)				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Weston Rhyn C	8	5	3	0-176 43
Overtown C	8	4	4	0-176 43
Whittington B	8	7	1	0-136 43
Llangollen B	8	5	3	0-139 42
Llangymynech B	8	5	3	0-58 36
Cearig Valley C	8	4	4	0-97 33
Plas Kynaston B	8	4	4	0-141 33
Weston Rhyn C	8	1	7	0-277 22

Division 8 (Veterans)				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Church Club A	8	6	2	0-196 42
Cynwyd B	8	7	1	0-156 38
Llangymynech B	8	7	1	0-25 37
Church Club B	8	7	1	0-76 35
Yr Olde Crofte	8	5	3	0-19 35
Cynwyd A	8	7	1	0-99 30
Llangymynech B	8	7	1	0-99 30
Weston Rhyn C	8	5	3	0-208 24
Whittington B	8	1	6	0-214 20

## Ludlow and district Ladies Bowling League

Division 1				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Burway	2	2	0	0-310 186 18
C'stly Mortimer	2	1	0	1-296 155 15
C'stly	2	1	0	1-235 267 8
Highley	3	3	0	0-146 53 3
Craven Arms	1	0	0	1-140 144 4

## Wrekin Monday Night Domino League

Division 1				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Elizabethan B	9	5	4	37 26 47
Unicorn	9	5	4	33 30 43
Queen's Hd, Dawley	9	5	4	31 32 41
Cheshire Chess	9	4	5	31 32 39
W Horse, Lincoln Hill	9	4	5	30 33 38
Elizabethan A	9	4	5	27 36 35

## Whitchurch Bowling League

Division 1				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Wem Usc A	120	77	2296	
Wem A	120	77	2296	
Bridgewater A	120	72	2178	
Adderley A	120	70	2176	
Distric A	120	51	2076	
Chester Rd A	120	63	2075	
Wem B	120	61	2073	
Cheshire Chess	120	48	1991	
Pres A	120	58	1970	
Wem A	120	39	1952	
Wem B	120	1951		
Hanner A	108	62	1947	
Awc A	108	61	1927	
Malpas Fms A	120	42	1821	

Division 2				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Audlem A	120	68	2157	
Hanner A	120	73	2142	
Malpas A	120	57	2137	
Hodnet A	120	69	2110	
Ash A	120	66	2093	
Chester Rd B	120	61	2092	
Nant Pk Rd A	120	60	2091	
Victoria A	120	60	2073	
Calverhall A	120	55	2060	
Awc B	120	64	1977	
Distric B	120	52	1927	
Con Club	120	44	1903	
Pres B	120	41	1821	

Division 3				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Pr Brochurst A	120	65	2208	
Hanner B	120	70	2182	
Wrenbury B	120	72	2174	
Whixall A	120	70	2158	
Adderley B	120	71	2148	
Ellesmere B	120	64	2067	
Cheesardine A	120	65	2057	
Wem B	120	59	2028	
Audlem B	120	59	2024	
Wrenbury A	120	57	2010	
Wem Abdon A	120	58	1999	
Tilstock A	120	49	1869	
Chester Rd Ld A	120	46	1946	
Malpas Spts B	120	38	1772	

Division 4				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Awc E	120	70	2200	
Malpas B	120	66	2189	
Barony Park	120	66	2140	
Joules Mkt Drayton	120	68	2127	
Edgmond	120	65	2125	
Pres C	120	61	2114	
Malpas Fms B	120	63	2092	
N In Hales A	120	62	2079	
Hanner D	120	57	2006	
Nant Pk Rd B	120	51	1928	
Ellesmere D	120	46	1928	
Whixall B	120	46	1908	
Chester Rd C	108	55	1871	
Wrenbury C	108	52	1866	

Division 5				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Hadnall B	120	81	2208	
Ash B	120	70	2201	
Chalmers A	120	68	2121	
Hodnet B	120	66	2092	
Ellesmere C	120	64	2086	
Wem C	120	57	2032	
Tilstock B	120	55	2028	
Chalmers B	120	51	1928	
Newport C	120	50	1947	
Audlem C	120	51	1946	
Calverhall B	120	54	1933	
Chalmers A	120	44	1709	
Awc C	108	45	1693	

Division 6				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Ruabon	120	86	2289	
Pres E	120	83	2134	
Distric D	120	83	2128	
Whixall C	120	62	2089	
Wollerton	120	64	2088	
Awc D	120	68	2071	
Malpas Fms C	120	58	2031	
Chester Rd Ld B	120	52	1924	
Malpas C	120	54	1898	
Hanner C	108	65	1853	
Adderley C	120	43	1847	
N In Hales B	120	42	1836	
Wem Abdon B	108	60	1827	
Nant Pk Rd C	120	41	1799	

Division 7				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Wem USC B	120	98	2335	
Chester Rd B	120	73	2152	
Wrenbury D	120	72	2075	
Victoria B	120	67	2052	
Pres D	120	62	2046	
Ash C	120	60	2025	
Cheesardine B	120	69	2014	
Chester Rd Ld C	120	55	1899	
Whixall D	120	56	1852	
Tilstock C	120	51	1791	
Nant Pk Rd D	120	40	1727	
Audlem D	107	46	1641	
Calverhall C	120	40	1585	
Chester Rd Ld D	119	38	1553	

## Mid Shropshire Bowling League

Division 1				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Bowring A	11	11	124	
Don Wood A	11	10	118	
Wrock Wood A	11	7	111	
Hodnet C	11	8	92	
St Georges A	11	6	91	
POW Hotel	11	8	57	
Shinall A	11	7	90	
Madley CC A	11	6	82	
Abington A	11	5	82	
H U S C A	11	3	65	
Newport A	11	3	69	
Stockton A	11	3	49	
Wrock Wood B	11	2	45	

Division 2				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
Highley A	11	11	128	
SJ Bayley A	11	9	121	
Trench A	11	6	89	
Bowring B	11	6	87	
Bridgnorth A	11	6	83	
Berkswell A	11	5	82	
Madley CC B	11	6	78	
Brosley A	11	5	76	
Charlton A	11	4	72	
Shinall B	11	4	67	
Shrewsbury A	11	4	66	
Newport B	11	4	65	
Allscott B	11	3	60	

Division 3				
P	W	L	D	Ag P
SJ Bayley B	11	11	130	
Abington B	10	6	89	
Madocks A	10	7	87	
Edgmond A	10	6	80	
Wellingdon A	10	5	80	
St Georges B	10	4	76	
Bowring C	10	4	72	
Chalmers B	10	5	70	
Trench B	10	4	67	
Shinall C	11	7	109	
Bylet B	10	4	66	
M Wenlock A	10	4	56	
Newport C	10	1	44	



The Flowit Shropshire Premier League won the Shropshire senior inter-league for the first time since the Premier was launched in 1994. But they had to survive a semi-final scare against the J. N. Hughes Financial Services Market Drayton League in the semi-final, winning the eight-a



# George slip as leaders Kynaston win again

GEORGE lost ground on the leaders in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three after being downed 7-3 at lowly Ellesmere A.

Starting the day joint-top, George are now three points off the pace.

Merv Roberts (21-12) and Andy Knott (21-15) were in good form for George, but Jeffrey Burkett's 21-5 victory helped Ellesmere take the aggregate by 16 shots (149-133).

**BLACK LION** failed to put the shackles on leaders Plas Kynaston A as they were edged out 6-4 home, with the high-flying visitors taking the aggregate by just six shots (144-138).

Mark Jones was the best of the night for Lion with a 21-9 verdict, and Mike Jones won to 12.

**FOX LANE** remain in the lower reaches of the table after their 7-3 (151-120) loss at Johnstown D, despite wins from Simon Hayman and Gareth Davies to 14 and 15 respectively.

**WHITTINGTON E** moved away from the basement pack with a 7-3 home success against Ruabon E, taking the shots by just four (142-138) with Philip Pierpoint winning to 10 and Alicia Hardie to 13.

In division four, **LLANYMYNECH B** continue to go well in second as they stepped up the pressure on the leaders with a 10-0 (168-72) romp at home to Liangynog C.

Llany had five single figure winners, with Eaton Williams and Kieran Jones leading the way to one and two respectively.

**LLANRHAEDR B** remain rooted to the foot of the table despite their narrow 7-3 home success over Cynwyd B.

The hosts took the shots by just two (140-138), with Marsh Howell their best of the night after winning to 10.

Single figure wins from Gwyn Gwalchmai (21-5) and Melvyn Powell (21-8) helped **LLANYFYLLIN A** overcome visitors **WESTON RHYN C**.

**Division three:** Johnstown D 7 (151) Fox Lane 3 (120), Whittington E 7 (142) Ruabon B 3 (138), Ellesmere A 7 (149) George 2 (133), Black Lion 4 (138) Plas Kynaston A 6 (144), Lianglollen B 9 (155) Cricio Valley B 1 (108), Chirk B 6 (143) Johnstown 4 (144).

**Division four:** Llannhaeadr B 7 (140) Cynwyd B 3 (138), Plas Kynaston B 7 (149) Johnstown E 3 (140), Llanymynech B 10 (168), Liangynog C 0 (72), Liangyllin A 7 (153) Weston Rhy C 3 (119), Church C 6 (144) Overton B 4 (122), Ceiriog Valley C 9 (158) Llannhaeadr A 1 (98).

**Division five:** Whittington D 4 (123) Church D 6 (140), Weston Rhy B 6 (136) Llannhaeadr D 4 (129), Ye Olde Crofte B 6 (155) Whittington C 4 (133).

**Division six:** Pentre Broughton 8 (152) Liangynog B 2 (114), Church E 1 (111) Grifffiths E 9 (152), Cynwyd C 8 (152) Weston Rhy D 2 (84), Llannhaeadr E 3 (120) Llanymynech C 7 (136).

# Ifton see off Bowring to stay in touch

IFTON stayed firmly among the leading pack in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League after overcoming fellow high-flyers Bowring 10-4 for their seventh success of the season.

Victory sees the St Martins side stay eight points behind leaders St Georges in fourth spot, and just two points off second place.

Bowring arrived in good heart after a good run of form themselves, but ended up well beaten by 26 shots (210-184) as Ifton bounced back from the previous week's 11-3 defeat away to Newport.

They now hit the road to mid-table St John Bayley on Friday night, looking to return with a healthy haul of points.

David 'Rocky' Jones was their best winner of the night when prevailing 21-3 against Adam Price, while Keiron Roberts was another to produce a single figure success when overcoming Aaron King 21-9.

The most valuable player of the night award went to skipper Dicky Jones, who produced a fine 21-12 display against Liam Jones.

Nicky Jones won to 10, Leighton Roberts to 11 and Kevin Nicholas 21-16, while two of the closest games of the night saw Geraint Williams win to 19 and Carl Roberts 21-20.



Steven Saunders has joined The New Saints

# Saunders is signing No.3

DUMBARTON defender Steven Saunders has become the third summer recruit for The New Saints ahead of this month's UEFA Champions League first qualifying round.

Saunders, a centre-back or right-back, opted not to extend his contract with the Sons after joining the club in October and making his debut in a 2-1 win at home to Livingston.

He scored four goals for the club, including the first two in the stir-

ring comeback to rescue a 3-3 draw with Raith Rovers.

He follows two other new recruits to Park Hall, young Queens Park Rangers defender Tom Matthews and ex-Wigan Athletic defender Jon Routledge who also left Ladbroke's Championship outfit Dumbarton.

Saunders, 25, started his career with Motherwell and became a regular starter in the centre of defence under new manager Jim Gannon in 2009/10. But he suffered an Achil-

les tendon injury while playing for the Scotland under-21s which ruled him out for most of the 2011/12 season.

After making his comeback, he was released at the end of 2012/13 campaign and signed a one-year deal with Ross County.

The deal was extended for a season before Saunders was released and signed for Dumbarton.

Meanwhile, Saints will find out their Champions League opponent on Monday.

# Saints setting foot into new territory

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**WELSH Premier champions The New Saints are relishing the chance to set foot in new territory next season after being invited to play in the Scottish Challenge Cup.**

The cup competition will be expanded in 2016/17, with the introduction of additional clubs from the Scottish Highland and Lowland Leagues, all Scottish Ladbrokes Premiership under-20s teams – as well as two representatives each from the Welsh Premier League and Northern Ireland Football League.

As well as TNS, Welsh Premier runners-up Bala Town have also been invited to play in the cup.

They will join the 30 Scottish Ladbrokes Championship, League One and League Two teams, to give an overall total of 54 clubs competing across seven rounds, with the majority of fixtures taking place during international week-end breaks.

Draws will be regionalised throughout the competition and seeded for the first three rounds, with the final to be played in March.

It has been revealed that the Welsh Premier League and Northern Ireland League clubs will join the competition at the round four stage of 16 teams in October. One Welsh side and one from Northern Ireland will be guaranteed a home tie.

Ian Williams, chief operating Officer at TNS, said: "We are thrilled to be involved in the cup and look forward to some very competitive matches being played across the Scottish and Irish borders.

"Being involved in a competition like this will not only put the Saints on a larger national platform, it gives our players the opportunity to test themselves against some of the best teams that Scotland and Northern Ireland have to offer.

## Included

"Having secured the domestic treble two years in a row now, this competition provides us with a new target and I'm sure the players and management team will rise to the occasion."

In addition to the continued support from broadcaster BBC ALBA, the SPFL has also secured new broadcast deals with S4C and Premier Sports to cover selected fixtures live during next year's Scottish Challenge Cup.

Andrew Howard, FAW Head of Competitions, said: "We are both really delighted and excited to have two Welsh representatives included in this competition for the 2016/17 season.

"We are confident that this new format will generate a great deal of interest from Welsh football fans and we believe that the quality of the clubs in the Welsh Premier League will be showcased for all to see.

"We would like to thank the SPFL and the Scottish FA for their vision, their invitation and their cooperation and we hope that this is the start of something quite special for all parties and especially the Welsh clubs concerned."

The New Saints will learn the identity of their first opponents in this summer's UEFA Champions League at Monday's draw in Switzerland.

The Welsh Premier champions will again play in the first qualifying round this season which features the eight lowest seeded clubs in the competition.

For coming in at this early stage, the treble winners will bank 200,000 euros (£159,000), while they will take their earnings up to 300,000 euros (£238,500) should they progress into the second stage.

The Saints – who are the top seeds – could be paired with either Faroe Islanders B36 Tórshavn, who they defeated last season, Lincoln Red Imps (Gibraltar), Alashkert (Armenia) or Tre Penne (San Marino).

The new Welsh Premier fixtures are released on Wednesday.

# It's prize time for COBRA stars



Club president Dr Tony Evans presents Lee Hughes, middle, with the youth team players' player of the season award. Right is youth team coach Phil Davies

COBRA rugby club had chance to reflect on their season's efforts when they held their presentation night.

It was a tough campaign, but the Meifod men's first team ultimately stayed clear of base-

ment danger in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north).

Prop Bryn Edwards was the first team player of the year voted for by the club coaches, while No.8 Jack Jukes took the players' player of the year honour.

Flanker Iolo White was the most improved player, while the top try scorer award was shared between Harry Jukes, Jack Jukes and Sion Wyn Williams.

The event was held at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.



COBRA No.8 Jack Jukes, right, is handed the first team players' player of the year accolade



First team player of the year, prop Bryn Edwards, right, with his shield at the presentation night



Youth team coach's player of the year award went to Hugo Laing (captain) and Bryn Roberts. Making the presentation was club president Tony Evans, with, right, youth team coach Phil Davies

# Elgie picks up his first victory of the year

A WARM summer evening produced yet another terrific turnout with 46 riders taking to the start line for the latest round of the Oswestry Paragon evening time trial series.

A last minute change of start point due to an obstruction at Queens Head cut the course short by approximately a third of a mile.

Colin Elgie, of Oswestry Peloton, took his first win of the year when stopping the clock on 21 minutes 55 seconds.

In second place and first Paragon rider home was Neil Coles who produced his best ride of the year so far, finishing in 22:06, putting him 20 seconds ahead of Kieran Morris (22:26) who took third and was again quickest junior.

OO Tri's Richard Collins took fourth place in 22:28 with Oswestry Peloton's Trevor Peate fifth in 23:40.

Finishing sixth overall and second Paragon rider was Rob Kerr who crossed the line in 23:58, putting him ahead of club-mate Darrell Walsh and newcomer Sam Coxon who both clocked 24:07 in tying for seventh.

There was another tie for ninth place between two Paragon riders with both Steve Roberts and Adam Riley finishing in 24:15.

There was again a good showing from the junior riders with the Mid Shropshire Wheelers pairing of Ben Pierce (25:11) and Jack Young (29:27) split by OO Tri's Matty Collins (26:46).

Lou Williams, in only her second time trial, was the only female competitor and finished in 27:23.

## GOLF RETURNS

### HENLE PARK

Wednesday 9 Hole Comp: S Ridge 21pts; P Mold 20pts (cb); H Price 20pts.

Wednesday 9 Hole Comp: R Jones 20pts; S Ridge 19pts (cb); K Lloyd 19pts.

Chirk Challenge Trophy (sponsored by Terry Dodd) Division 1: D Southwell nett 65; S McCarthy nett 68; P Wilkinson nett 62; Division 2: Harris nett 65; I Griffith nett 67; N Jurkojc nett 67.

### Seniors

Bowmaker: A Hardy A Jones & T Evans 80pts; J Bostock, J B Evans & R Smith 77pts.

Individual Stableford: P Coombes 40pts; P Hampson 36pts; J Horton 35pts.

### Ladies

Stableford: A-M Stott 37pts; K Gleave 29pts; D Nicol 28pts.

### MILE END

May Extra Stableford Division 1: D Smith 40pts; S Pierpoint 39pts; P Jarvis 37pts; Division 2: D Bradbury 39pts; G Harper 39pts; A Eke 39pts; Division 3: R Groot 38pts; M Godfrey 36pts; J Jones 36pts.

Nearest The Pin: G Harper 12ft 3/4in.

Wednesday Social: F Middle 22pts; I Horler 22pts; D Smith 21pts.

Mens Nearest The Pin (5th Hole): J Wilbroad 36.5.

Nearest The Pin (3rd Hole): D Fisher 14ft. (10th Hole): C Good 2ft 2". (17th Hole): C Good 6ft 6".

Lady Captain's Day: T Easthope 42pts; S Smith 41pts; R Roberts 40pts.

Ladies Invitation: M Holmes 41pts; A Pugh 36pts.

Nearest The Pin (7th Hole): C Woosnam 56cm (18th Hole): I Thomas 31cm.

### Ladies

Lady Captain's Day: Captain Shield: A Pugh 38pts; L Walsh 32pts; D Bradbury 32pts.

Mens Invitation: K Cawley 43pts; S Ball 43pts; R Burke 42pts.

Nearest The Pin (3rd Hole): D Fisher 14ft. (10th Hole): C Good 2ft 2". (17th Hole): C Good 6ft 6".

Lady Captain's Guests: M Ferguson 36pts; A Logsdail 35pts; D Roberts 34pts.

Lady Nearest The Pin: S Russell 20ft 1".

### Seniors

Team Invitation Best Group: Mile End A 166pts.

Best Pair (The Shropshire): T Peacock & C Daniel 45pts.

Best Pair (Mile End): P Lee & B Cowley 45pts.

Nearest The Pin (7th Hole): G Moss (Welshpool) 5ft 4"; Nearest The Pin (in two, 18th): P Whitaker (Market Drayton) 41cm.

Longest Drive (under 65): P Lee (Mile End).

Anniversary Shield: T Quinn 92-24-68; B Lingard 89-20-65; M Carr 89-19-70.

### OSWESTRY

President's Prize: N Kishaw 45; D Potts 39 (cb); M Hughes 39 (cb); D Kershaw 39 (cb); P Hayward 39; A Harrison 38 (cb).

Best Gross: M Jones 73.

Nearest The Pin: D Murfin.

May Medal Division 1: J Moreton 72-9-63; T Matthews 68-2-66; D Parry 77-10-67 (cb); M Rooke 73-6-67 (cb); L Turner 77-10-67; S Pound 75-7-68 (cb); Division 2: D Hopton 76-12-64; R Jones 78-11-67; S Ashworth 83-15-68; R Burnett 80-11-69; C Manning 83-15-70 (cb); G Tudor 81-11-70 (cb); Division 3: A Jones 83-18-65; R Hartley 82-16-66; R Osseton 86-17-69; J Halsall 87-16-71; T Edgerton 100-28-72; P Jennings 88-16-73 (cb).

Best Gross: T Matthews 68.

### Ladies

Coronation Foursomes: M Green & M Evans 35pts; M Wheatley & R Evans 34pts; E Gill & A Colquhoun 31pts (cb); M Green & M Evans through to semi final.

Lady Captain's Day Individual Medal F Competition - Lady Captain's Prize: J Foster 105-36-69.

Best Gross: M Ratcliffe 88 Gross.

Silver Division: J Williams 93-20-73; B Bebbington 93-19-74; Bronze Division: M Batho 96-25-71; W Horan 101-28-72.

Upper Bronze: B Wilson 103-32-71; S Weaver 103-31-72.

Past Captain's Prize: E Gwyllt 98-25-73.

Grunny's Prize: J Ferries 98-24-74.

9 Holes Members: K Burton 14pts.

Nearest The Pin Silver (4th): D Hall 7ft 4 1/2 in.



## Struggling Cae Glas are beaten by Willey

LIFE does not get any easier for Cae Glas who remain rooted to the foot of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two after a seven-wicket loss at Willey.

In a match reduced to 40 overs a side due to rain, the Glas were put in to bat with openers George Candler (10) and Andy Griffiths (11) making a steady start.

However, wickets started to tumble before No.3 Gaz Edgerton steadied matters with a top score of 56 to help his side to 119-8.

In reply, Willey, through a combination of good luck and the odd wayward ball from the Glas attack, were able to make quick progress in chasing down the target of 120.

The opening batsmen of Glenn Edwards (45) and Martin Ball (46, before he retired hurt) led the way to help the hosts to the target for the loss of just three wickets.

Edgerton and Andy Hughes were the wicket takers for Glas.

**ELLESMERE** had the better of a draw away to Iscoyd & Fenns Bank to claim 12 welcome points.

Put in to bat, they posted 166-9 in 35 overs, thanks largely to a handy fightback from Kieran Barry who hammered 53 coming in at eight, hitting three sixes and seven fours in his 35-ball knock.

Opener Fraser Duncan made 23 at the top of the order, and tailender Joe Austin a useful 15 not out as the Meresiders recovered from 67-5 and 93-8.

Iscoyd started well in reply but the hosts were eventually restricted to 144-5 in their 35 overs, Tom Davies taking 2-35.

**CAE GLAS II** fell further adrift at the foot of the reserve division two after slumping to a 45-run loss against their Willey counterparts.

Put in to bat, Willey were bowled out for 124 in 27 overs as Matthew Coulson bagged 4-30 and John Clarke 3-51. Cae Glas again toiled with the bat in reply, mustering just 79 in 32.2 overs.

**ELLESMERE II** remain just above the Glas in the reserve second division table after their five-wicket loss at home to Iscoyd & Fenns Bank II.

They were restricted to 118-8 in 30 overs after starting well through openers James Harrison (31) and Troy Newton (25).

Iscoyd got home with three overs to spare.

# Rain to the rescue for Montgomery

LEADERS Montgomery were spared possible defeat by the weather as they returned with 10 points from their Henshalls Shropshire League division two clash at Bishop's Castle.

The bowlers seemed to have them in charge after dismissing their hosts for 109 in 38 overs.

James Corfield claimed a miserly 3-4 off his seven overs before Aeron Ruff-cock bagged 5-43 in 12 overs.

Runs, however, were just as hard to come by in reply, with Monty toiling on 49-7 after 22 overs,

before rain brought an early finish. Ruff-cock was the only batsman to get into double figures with 14, while there were three wickets apiece for Thomas Moulder and Richard Powell.

Monty remain seven points clear at the top from second-placed Prees whose match with Tibberton was also abandoned due to rain.

The weather brought an early end to **MONTGOMERY II's** home encounter with Lilleshall in the reserve division two.

Batting first, Lilleshall were 140-8 off 36.3 overs,

Rupert Sheppard taking 4-20 and Rob Yewdall 2-41, when the heavens opened.

Although Monty did not have a chance to reply, they still picked up nine points despite their frustration with the elements to edge up towards a mid-table position.

**GUILDSFIELD**, looking to enhance their position among the leading pack in division four, were frustrated by the wet weather as their home fixture with Hinstock was abandoned without a ball being bowled, both teams picking up five points.

# Olympians on a high at Cosford meeting



Poppy Kendrick-Jones in the under-11 girls 600m, Massimo Wyatt in the under-11 boys 600m and Seren Roberts in the under-11 girls long jump

**OSWESTRY** Olympians warmed to the challenge in the second track and field meeting in the Shropshire Young Athletes League at RAF Cosford.

Conditions were perfect with brilliant sunshine, the excellent weather making for some terrific performances on the track.

Young Olympians Massimo Wyatt and Oliver Roach set the pace in the boys under-11 with a blistering one-two finish in the 600m, both closing in on the club record for the event. Overall, the club are currently standing in

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fifth position in the league. The Olympians will be hosting the third meeting at the Shrewsbury track on Thursday, June 30 from 6.30pm.

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments, time keep and support the javelin competition. Results:

**Under-11 girls:** Seren Roberts 5th (A) 60m 10.3, 5th (A) Long Jump 2.59; Ellen Grey 3rd (B) 60m 10.0; Poppy Kendrick-Jones 3rd (A) 600m 2.019; Lexie Jouens 6th (B) 600m 2.21.3, 5th (B) Long Jump 2.00

**Under-11 boys:** Oliver Roach 1st (A) 60m 9.5, 1st (B) 600m 2.01.5;

Aaron Warburton 6th (B) 60m 10.4, 5th (B) Cricket Ball Throw 11.30; Massimo Wyatt 1st (A) 600m 1.55.5; Blake Stonehouse 3rd (A) Cricket Ball Throw 27.36; 4 x 50m Mixed Relay 6th. Team 5th

**Under-13 girls:** Lily Jones 6th (A) 100m 17.0, 2nd (B) Shot 4.35; Phoebe Shaw 4th (B) 100m 15.8; Heidi Lantos 6th (A) 1500m 6.36.7, 2nd (A) Shot 5.25; Mia Wyatt 5th (B) 1500m 7.06.8; 4 x 100m Relay 5th. Team 5th

**Under-13 boys:** Evan Roberts 4th (A) 800m 2.56.1, 4th (A) Discus 11.37; Tom Hotchkiss 2nd (B) 800m 2.59.6, 3rd (B) Discus 8.59; Louis Jones 4th (A) 200m 34.10, 4th (A) Shot 4.65; Toby Rogers 2nd (B) 200m 31.20, 3rd

(B) Shot 4.55; 4 x 100m Relay 3rd. Team 4th

**Under-15 girls:** Emily Onley 4th (A) 75m Hurdles 16.2; Lizzie Evans 3rd (B) 75m hurdles 15.6, 3rd (B) High Jump 1.25; Anna Holbrook 5th (A) 800m 2.48.4, 3rd (A) High Jump 1.25; Ellie Dixon 5th (A) 100m 15.0; Jessie Shaw 4th (B) 100m 14.5; Lucy McGlinchey 2nd (A) Shot 6.78; 4 x 100m Relay 5th. Team 5th

**Under-16 boys:** Jannick Jones 4th (A) 300m 26.4, 1st (B) Discus 155.84; Ben Harper 1st (B) 200m 26.1, 3nd (B) Shot 7.59; Jacob Morris 3rd (A) Discus 17.71, 2nd (A) Shot 8.09; Team 4th

**Under-17 men:** Jacob Tidridge 4th (A) 200m 24.9. Team 5th

# Another big win for ladies first team

HIGH-FLYING Oswestry ladies first team continued their winning ways with another emphatic maximum points victory at home to Woodfield in the Shropshire Tennis League division one.

The first pair of captain Jo Macrae and Kat Oakley set the scene when they stormed through Woodfield's first pair, losing only one game in their first rubber.

The second pair of Fiona Russell and Eirian Lloyd-Jones continued the trend with a similar result against Woodfield's second pair.

With Oswestry two up going into the reverse rubbers, Macrae and Oakley took their foot off the pedal somewhat but managed to gain victory.

Russell and Lloyd-Jones let the first set get away from them but came back doubly determined and took the second set to love and then won the championship tie-break convincingly.

This gave Oswestry another fantastic maximum points victory to maintain their 100 per cent record, but they now meet the league champions Bridgnorth at home which will be a far tougher assignment.

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The second team played their full squad for the first time this season when they hosted well established Lilleshall Village in division 4N, and proved too hot to handle as they stormed to victory.

Both pairs of captain Linda Clark with partner Clare Hann and Speth Cumpston with partner Carolyn Yates played well and they came away winning all four rubbers and the full eight points.

The Ladies third team travelled across the county to Boughay Gardens tennis club in Newport in division 6N, and once again came away on the losing end of a drawn contest.

The opposition's first pairing proved too strong for both of the Oswestry pairs but the first pair of Carol Slater and Jo Dailietos overwhelmed the second pair for the loss of only one game 6-1, 6-0.

The second pair of captain Linda Davies and partner Carol Johnson got off to a slow start and dropped the first set 6-3 but soon got going in the second set which they won 6-3 to take the rubber

into a deciding third set tie-break.

This was a tight affair going with serve all the way to 8-8 when the Oswestry ladies just edged ahead to take it 1-0 (10-8). It was still a disappointing two points for all their efforts.

The men's third team fielded two new partnerships for their latest home fixture against Market Drayton's third team in division 7N

In the first-round rubbers, the veteran first pair of Huw Lloyd and John Hewett faced the visitors' teenage pair and won convincingly 6-2, 7-5 playing with great experience, exploiting the spaces and forcing errors from their young opponents.

The second pair of Andy Clarke and David Armstrong started briskly against their opponents also winning easily 6-1, 6-0.

In the reverse rubbers, Lloyd and Hewett continued in a similar vein to their first and defeated the opposing second pair again in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

However, Clarke and Armstrong struggled against the Market Drayton first pair and lost in straight sets 6-2, 6-3, but it was a satisfying seven points for the home side.

## Batsmen lay foundation as Frankton go through

FRANKTON'S batsmen again prospered as they powered into the third round of the Lynx Shropshire Senior Slam with a comfortable 76-run success against St Georges at Hardwick Park.

Put in to bat, they amassed a mighty 229-3 in 20 overs, before dismissing their visitors for 153 to keep their flag flying high in the cup competition.

Jacob Northwood led the way, smashing an unbeaten 74 to take Frankton to their imposing total, skipper Jordan Parry also weighing in with 47 not out after opener Michael Eckard had laid the platform with 66.

Eckard then picked up 4-22 from his four overs to restrict St Georges, as well as taking a couple of catches, while Bobby Gill provided most of the resistance with 70, before becoming one of Eckard's victims.

Angus Bowyer also took 2-38 and Archie Dickinson 2-42.

Meanwhile, Frankton were unable to take their cup form into the Shropshire League premier division as they slipped to a seven-wicket defeat at home to Albrighton to remain firmly entrenched in mid-table.

After being put in to bat, they posted 200-9 in 50 overs, Angus Bowyer top scoring with 37. But Albrighton were up for the chase as they cantered home with 10 overs to spare thanks to an unbeaten 113 from opener Tyson Bray, Stuart Lammie taking 2-43.

**Imposing**

**FRANKTON II** maintained their challenge in the reserve division one after seeing off Wellington IV by 89 runs.

A terrific unbroken seventh-wicket stand between Cian Jones (86no) and Dylan Evans (50no) steered Frankton to an imposing 229-6 off 40 overs.

Then Jack Hutchinson took 4-38 and Jack Kelly 2-28 as Wellington were sent back for 140 in reply with just one over remaining.

**KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** prevailed by eight wickets at Allscott to move up to fourth in division one of the Henshalls Shropshire League, with their cause helped by the wet weather.

Batting first, Allscott made 203-8 in 46.2 overs but, after rain, Knockin faced a revised target of 106 in 25 overs which they achieved for the loss of just two wickets and with more than 10 overs to spare.

Openers Kieran Berry (54) and David Pinney (34) helped lay the foundations for Allscott with an opening stand of 82, with Ryan Davies providing some late momentum with 49. Dan Jones took 5-50 for the hosts.

Knockin cruised to victory in their reduced run chase courtesy of 57 from opener Jean Pierre Erasmus, his knock coming in just 37 balls with a six and eight other boundaries. Ed Nicholas also chipped in with a lively 22 not out off 15 deliveries.

**Shropshire County Cricket League**

Premier Division: Albrighton v Madeley; Bomere Heath v Frankton; Brosley v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Forton v Quatt; Count v Lilleshall; Wem v St Georges.

Division One: Alberbury v Allscott; Count v Lilleshall; Knockin & Kinnerley v Pontesbury; Market Drayton v Beacon; Wellington v Newtown; Wroxeter Grove v Conderover.

Division Two: Cae Glas v Church Stretton; Ellesmere v Shrewsbury; Montgomery v Willey; Tibberton v Bishops Cleeve; Welshpool v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank; Wheaton Aston v Prees.

Division Three: Church Aston v 881st; Harcourt v Chemsar; Harpers v Cradley; Hodnet & Peplow v Llanidloes; Much Wenlock v Ludlow & South Shropshire.

Division Four: Allscott v Bridgnorth; Beacon v Acton Reynald; Hinstock v Coton Hall; Overton-on-Dee v Quayside; Quatt v Wroxeter Grove; St Georges v Welshpool.

Reserve Division Two: Beacon v Sentinel; Frankton v Count; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Knockin & Kinnerley; Madeley v Wellington; Quatt v Alberbury; St Georges v Wem.

Reserve Division Two: Conderover v Wroxeter Grove; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank v Forton; Lilleshall v Bomere Heath; Pontesbury v Ellesmere; Shelton v Cae Glas; Willey v Montgomery.

Reserve Division Three: Acton Reynald v Lilleshall; Allscott v Welshpool; Bishops Castle v Shifnal; Corvedale v Market Drayton; Llanidloes v Brosley; Newton v Shrewsbury v Albrighton; Whittington v Much Wenlock.

Sunday Division One: Alberbury v Wem; Bomere Heath v Count; Frankton v Sentinel; Madeley v Wellington; Newport v Sentinel; Pontesbury v Oswestry.

Division Two: Lilleshall v Market Drayton; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Wem; Madeley v Bridgnorth; Oswestry v Madeley; Wellington v Knockin & Kinnerley.

## Oswestry fall just short in a low scorer

FINE performances by skipper Jonathan Miles and his predecessor Mark Robinson weren't enough to save Oswestry from a 14-run defeat in a low-scoring Birmingham League division two clash at Old Elizabethans.

Miles took 6-51 in his best bowling spell so far this season, including the wicket of Pakistan Test star Nasir Jamshed, as he helped dismiss the Worcester side for 123.

Dan Bowen, who shared the new ball, also weighed in with 3-38, and an Oswestry victory looked on the cards.

But within 40 minutes of the restart, things looked very different – the first five Oswestry batsmen were back in the pavilion with just 17 on the board.

At that stage, it seemed the visitors might struggle to pass the all out score of 39 recorded by second division rivals Stratford earlier in the day.

Robinson came to the wicket with the score on 47-7, and nearly took the game away from OEs.

He hit the day's highest score, 45 not out, but was left high and dry when last man Bowen fell with the total on 109.

**Oswestry II's** home game against OEs was abandoned because of a waterlogged pitch, as were the thirds and fourths' games on Sunday.

Oswestry face another long trip on Saturday when they visit Coventry and North Warwickshire, while the seconds are at home to the Coventry side's second XI (12.30pm).

The thirds head to Pontesbury Thirds on Sunday, and the fourths take on Madeley III at Morda Road.





## Stevens is named as Town boss

DAN STEVENS has been unveiled as the new boss at FC Oswestry Town after the management team of Nick Maguire and his assistant Matt Williams stepped down.

After enjoying a terrific campaign in which the club won four trophies, the club have confirmed a change at the helm after the Merician League premier division champions gained promotion to the North West Counties League division one this season.

And former Ellesmere Rangers boss Stevens will now take charge, with current player coach Graham Dyke stepping up to the role of assistant manager.

“I’ve had a season out of the game and was itching to get involved in football again, but it had to be at the right club,” said Stevens.

“I work in Oswestry and, after speaking to the club directors, I knew that this was a fantastic opportunity that was too good to miss.

“I am looking forward to it and can’t wait to get started.”

Stevens has experience as manager of Ellesmere Rangers in the West Midlands Premier League and Llanrhaeadr in the Cymru Alliance, and also has extensive links with youth players in Shropshire and excellent knowledge of local football talent.

### Travelling

Dyke steps up from the club’s player coach role into the assistant manager’s position and his coaching experience will ensure smooth transition to life in the North West Counties League.

The previous management team of Maguire and Williams will remain at the club as directors, but now want to concentrate on off-field matters.

There will be far more travelling for the team this season as the new league includes AFC Blackpool, Alsager Town, Chadderton, Cheadle Town, Sandbach United, St Helens Town, Stockport Town, Widnes, City of Liverpool, Carlisle City and Shropshire rivals Whitchurch Alport.

But the club will go into the new challenge in good heart after storming to the Merician Regional League premier division title last term – while also adding three other trophies for good measure.

As well as the league, they also won the Merician League Cup, the Shropshire Challenge Cup and retained the Commander Ethelston Cup.

## Nicoll eases to glory in the Welsh Seniors

THE success story goes on for Welshpool’s Adele Nicoll who has claimed the Welsh Senior shot put title in Cardiff.

The former Oswestry Olympian, now a Birchfield Harrier, threw 16.08 metres to storm to victory in the Welsh Seniors event by a massive margin from Lucy Griffiths who finished second on 12.96m.

It was another success for 19-year-old Nicoll who has the under-17, 20 and 23 records under her belt, and has her sights set on the forthcoming British Under-23 Championships.

“I am getting stronger and there is loads of room for improvement,” she said. “I definitely think I can get the senior Welsh and British record.”

## Davies back as Oswestry hit the road

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY hit the road again on Saturday when they head to Coventry & North Warwickshire (midday) looking for much-needed points in the Birmingham Cricket League division two.

After a couple of away wins, the Morda Road men suffered their first defeat on their travels when going down by 14 runs in a low-scoring affair at Old Elizabethans.

That loss left them in the bottom four, just one place and 12 points above this weekend’s hosts, and looking for a change of fortune as they bid to climb the table.

The visitors make one change, with all-rounder Kevin Evans unavailable, so Jonny Davies re-

turns to the side.

An early order batting collapse proved costly as Oswestry, chasing a modest 123, slipped to 17-5 against Old Elizabethans before eventually recovering through Mark Robinson’s unbeaten 45 only to fall just short on 109.

The Morda Road side could again point to some poor luck, which has blighted their campaign this term, but will be banking on more runs from their top order as they bid to turn the corner.

A couple of wins would lift them back into the

upper reaches of the table, and they could take heart from their performance with the ball last week as skipper Jonathan Miles bagged 6-51 in his best bowling spell so far this season.

Dan Bowen, who shared the new ball, also weighed in with 3-38, and at tea an Oswestry victory was on the cards.

But within 40 minutes of the restart, things looked very different with the first five Oswestry batsmen dismissed with just 17 on the board.

At that stage, it seemed the visitors might struggle to pass the all-out score of 39 recorded by second division rivals Stratford earlier in the day.

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## Merv magic keeps heat on leaders

WHITTINGTON A kept up the title pressure in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a 9-1 beating of visiting Ceiriog Valley A.

Mervyn Davies was the best of the night to six, Mel Morris winning to 15 as the villagers took the aggregate by 22 shots (152-130). They are one point behind leaders Johnstown A who also won 9-1 (163-105) at home to Overton A.

WESTON RHYN A remain second bottom despite their slender 6-4 home verdict against Ruabon A, in which they shaded the shots by two (150-148), helped by wins from skipper Brian Oakley (21-11), and Pip Penrose and Andrew Riley to 16 and 17 respectively.

Despite a 21-3 win from Gary Wilkie, CRIFTINS A lost 7-3 (13 shots) at home to Corwen A, while Chirk A won 6-4 (147-129) at home to Llangollen A.

A waterlogged green saw CHURCH A’s home match against Johnstown B abandoned with the score 2-2.

High-flying LLANYMYNECH A lost top spot in division two when a depleted side lost 8-2 (154-101) at lowly Bersham, Neil Sanderson and Mark Kirkham (both 21-14) setting the consolations.

LLANRHAEDR A are up to second courtesy of a 9-1 (157-98) home win over WHITTINGTON B, Steve Jones (21-4) the best of four single-figure winners.

CHURCH B lost 8-2 (165-108) at ELLESMERE B, their replies coming from Adrian Jones (21-19) and Emrys Jones (21-20, from 16-4 down) while Alf Johnson (21-2) led for the home side.

CRIFTINS C still prop up the table after losing 9-1 (162-88) at Cynwyd A.

**Fixtures, Tuesday June 21, Division one:** Johnstown B v Chirk A, Ruabon A v Johnstown A, Ceiriog Valley A v Weston Rhyn A, Overton A v Criftins A, Llangollen A v Whittington A, Corwen A v Church A. **Division two:** Llanyfnog A v Llanrhaeadr A, Church B v Bersham, Criftins B v Ellesmere B, Llanymynech A v Criftins C, Whittington B v Ye Olde Crofte A, Cynwyd A v Flexsys A.

## Montgomery look for home comforts

HIGH-FLYING MONTGOMERY will want to get back to winning ways at home to Willey on Saturday as they bid to cement pole position in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two.

Despite back-to-back draws, Monty remain top of the table by seven points, but know they cannot afford any slips this weekend.

They returned with 10 points from Bishop’s Castle last Saturday, but were struggling on 49-7 in reply to 106 when the encounter was brought to an end by the rain.

At the other end of the table, rock bottom CAE GLAS need points when they welcome Church Stretton to Gatacre as they look to bounce back from last weekend’s seven-wicket loss to Willey.

ELLESMERE, who lie just above the Oswestry side, also need a positive result when they entertain Shrewsbury III.

WELSHPOOL are at home to Iscoyd & Penns Bank, hoping to shrug off their disappointing 59-run defeat at Church Stretton that saw them bowled out for 57 and slip to fifth in the table.

# RECORD IS SET BY ATHERTON

**HIGH-RIDER Rachel Atherton has become a record breaker after powering to a stunning 10th successive UCI Mountain Bike Downhill World Cup victory as she continues to dominate the sport.**

Llanrhaeadr’s Atherton pedalled into history after completing a British one-two with Tahnee Seagrave in Leogang, Austria, to pass the record held since 2001 by France’s Anne-Caroline Chausson.

Riding for the Trek Factory Racing team, the 28-year-old’s remarkable winning run goes back to June 2015, starting at Fort William.

“I had a really wild run,” said the four-time World Cup champion from Powys. “I felt the pressure, I felt the nerves a bit. I’m pretty relieved.”

### Challenge

Atherton has added four wins in the opening four World Cup races this year to the six she achieved at the end of last season.

She finished 5.3 seconds clear of nearest rival Seagrave for a 30th World Cup career win to maintain her tight grip at the top of the standings, and stay firmly on course to become the elite women’s World Cup champion yet again.

Leogang is not one of Atherton’s favourites, with its changing weather and track conditions, but yet again she rose to the challenge as she looks destined to become the most successful UK mountain biker in the history of the sport.

Adaptability was to prove to be key in the event, with Atherton riding last in the finals after being the fastest qualifier.

When she came out on the course, which had largely dried out, fellow Brit Seagrave was in the hot-seat with a time of 4:14.764.

Atherton, however, produced another storming ride, starting as she meant to go on, cannoning out of the start-gate to go 1.8 seconds faster than Seagrave by the first split.

It wasn’t a textbook run, but she finished with a massive jump to cross the line 5.3 seconds clear of the field in 4:09:394.

Seconds after she’d finished the race, Atherton said: “I can’t believe it, I’m so tired and so happy. I honestly thought I might crash today, I was so



The rocky road to success – Rachel Atherton in action at Leogang in Austria. Pic: Sven Morton

nervous. That run was so wild and loose, I knew that I had to pull out all the stops.

“Massive thanks to my team who always believe in me, my brothers, my mum and dad and the awesome sponsors who make sure I have the best of everything! And to the fans.”

By the time the men came on course, the track was even drier but Rachel’s brother Gee, who was hampered by a shoulder injury, had to settle for a fifth-place finish, and 15th spot overall, despite a

textbook run in his race.

After clocking 3:40:797, to be 12 seconds off the pace, Gee said: “I’ve struggled a bit this weekend with a shoulder that’s a lot sorer than I’d realised. That was all I had in my arm for strength, I couldn’t have done much more.” The race was won by Aaron Gwin in 3:28:68.

The Downhill World Cup now moves to Lenzerheide, Switzerland for the fifth round on Sunday, July 10.

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